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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, for general circulation, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with the Ordinances and Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the Reports of the Finance Committee, City Clerk, City Marshal, City Messenger, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Highways and Bridges, Superintendent of Water Works, Chief Engineer, Trustees of Public Library, Board of Health, Police Justice, City Physician, City Collector, and any other matters thought expedient.

STEPHEN L. RANDALL,
President Common Council.

Passed Dec. 7, 1882.

IRA W. RUSSELL,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1882.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, IRA W. RUSSELL, by City Solicitor Abbott, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz:

Board of Aldermen:

RALPH J. HOLT,
GEORGE B. TWITCHELL,
GEORGE W. MCDUFFEE,
DEXTER W. GILBERT,
LUTHER P. ALDEN.

Board of Common Council:

RUFUS FREEMAN,
ALBERT W. SHELDON,
EDWIN M. BULLARD,
HENRY W. NIMS,
GEORGE L. BURDETT,
CHARLES L. JOHNSON,
CLARK N. CHANDLER,
AUSTIN E. HOWARD,
CHARLES BRIDGMAN,
ZEBINA K. GRAVES,
C. J. WOODWARD,
CHARLES H. HERSEY,
STEPHEN L. RANDALL,
DELOS C. BALL,
HENRY S. COUILLARD.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Cyrus Richardson, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows:

MAYOR RUSSELL'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:—

In entering upon the duties pertaining to our official positions for another year, to which through the confidence reposed in us we have been elected, we should not be unmindful of the obligations they impose, and which we take upon ourselves by virtue of their acceptance. We are chosen for an object. There are a diversity of interests inseparably connected with a municipal corporation like our own, that can only be properly managed by delegated authority. The authority for the proper and judicious management of our city affairs has been confided to us during our continuance in office, with the just expectation and understanding that we adopt and carry out to the best of our ability those measures demanded by the public good, exercising that care and judgment that in prudence we would exercise in our individual interests. But with the best of intentions on the part of officials there is ever liable to be differences of opinion by the general public as to the propriety or necessity of action in any given direction. While a numerous class may be desirous of the attainment of some object which they consider as almost indispensable to the public welfare, another, quite as large it may be, is strongly opposed to its adoption, arguing perhaps, that the benefits to be derived would in no wise be compensated by the required outlay. This condition of things is oft-times embarrassing to those whose duty it is to decide upon the merits of the case in question, especially if they be in doubt and divided among themselves, as is often the case, whether the general welfare would be best served by granting or denying the request of the petitioners. Hence in the performance of our duties it may often occur, that in the conscientious discharge of them, we shall be censured by

the party whose requests are denied, while our judgment and action is commended by those whose ends are gained: of this you can all readily estimate. But whatever may be the differences of opinion in the estimate placed upon our judgment, there is but one safe course of action for us to adopt, and that is to exercise our highest and best judgment conscientiously with a view to the general welfare, without regard to partisan or personal considerations.

FINANCE.

The condition of our finances is a matter in which we are all interested. The tax-payer, whether of large or moderate means, has a direct interest in the public expenditures, of how the funds he has contributed for this purpose shall be expended. The amount, and the different objects for which expenditures shall be made, within lawful limitations, has been confided to you with the just expectation that you will exercise due prudence therein: and you will merit praise or censure as you may act wisely or unwisely in this matter. The valuation of the taxable property for the year 1881 was $5,002,344. The expenditures for the year aggregate $87,954.27 against $85,309.18, showing an increase over the previous year of $2,645.09. Deducting, however, the expenses paid on the Manchester & Keene railroad suit of $3,163.13, the amount is reduced to $84,791.24, making a difference in favor of the present year of $517.94. On the 10th of December there was reported a

Balance in the treasury of	$37,019.33
Adding to this State bonds	2,200.00
Adding to this Esty note and interest,	1,125.58
Adding to this due from Collector for 1881,	15,279.87
And we have as assets	$55,624.78

There is also reported to be due from former collectors sums amounting to several hundred dollars. The matter

of uncollected taxes and arrearages of amounts due from former collectors has been the occasion for some years of much trouble, anxiety and loss; and I would especially urge that all in arrears should be held to strict account for whatever may be due from them, and that in the future prompt collection, especially as regards that class of poll and other tax-payers, who would, if the chance were given them, evade payment, be strenuously insisted upon, and also the timely and proper adjustment of the collector's account with the city, thereby saving the loss of uncollected, as well as of collected taxes. The Water Loan bonds amounted to $155,000, of which amount $3,800 have been paid, and $35,000 that became due January 1879 were re-bonded at 5 per cent. The balance become due as follows:—

Jan. 1, 1882,	$4,000
July 1, 1882,	6,500
July 1, 1883,	4,000
Jan. 1, 1884,	17,500
July 1, 1885,	10,500
Jan. 1, 1887,	4,000
July 1, 1887,	7,500
July 1, 1888,	500
Jan. 1, 1889,	21,700
July 1, 1890,	11,300
Jan. 1, 1892,	4,000
July 1, 1892,	9,000
July 1, 1893,	5,500
Oct. 1, 1896,	10,000
1899,	35,000
July 1, 1880, not presented,	200
	$151,200

From the above it will be seen that bonds amounting to $10,500 mature the present year—$4000 Jan. 1st, and

$6,500 July 1st. These can easily be paid out of funds in the treasury and still leave sufficient to meet our requirements for the year to come, unless they should greatly exceed the estimates.

WATER WORKS.

The Water Commissioners report the total amount of cost of Water Works to date $162,898.68—$199.10 having been added to the construction account this year. Owing to damage by lightning in three several places, the expenses for repairs have been largely increased; the one on Roxbury street alone costing some $700, where about 600 feet of 6-inch main had to be renewed. But notwithstanding the extra expenses thus incurred, the net income is only $152 less than last year. The net earnings, not estimating construction and interest accounts, amounts to $7,202.93. In view of the fact of the very small surplus of water in 1880, and two or three preceding years, and of "the growing demands of increasing use," moreover of "liabilities of accidental interruptions of supply from main reservoir," the result of which might prove disastrous, the Commissioners recommend action looking to an increased supply; and further suggest that as there are several sources from which auxiliary supplies might be obtained, that active measures be adopted to secure an early investigation, to the end that some feasible plan for this purpose be matured and carried out. Comments and suggestions are also made with reference to the practical workings of the amended ordinance limiting the amount to be used in case of repairs to $200. They suggest that "the wisdom of limiting the powers of the Board in cases of urgent repairs to an expenditure of $200 only, would, we fear, be less apparent to most of our water takers in the event of serious rupture of a principal main, than it may have been to the cautious projectors of

the provision," and further, "as it is presumable that the Commissioners of the Water Works should be competent to attend to the plain and well defined duties of their office, there is no good reason why they should be subjected to the delays and uncertainties attendant upon the obtaining of a special legislative permit, before they can proceed with one of the most important parts of their work." The force of this reasoning is readily understood, and I would advise the removal of any obstructions, to free action on the part of the Board at least, in cases where repairs only are involved. In the report of the Superintendent of Water Works the receipts and expenditures are given in detail; and the Commissioners in no wise overestimate the prompt and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties when they say "it is our pleasant duty once more to report the work of this office *well* performed," and that "the condition of the works are fully up to their usual standard."

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department reports but few fires during the year and the damage slight, with the exception of the Ashuelot Shoe Shop, where the loss was considerable. Some 4200 feet of hose is owned by the city, a portion of which is distributed among prominent manufacturing interests. The working force he reports to be eighty-seven men, including seven engineers. The men are commended for promptness of action and manifest disposition to obey all rules and regulations. This is certainly a feature that will commend them to the kindly regard of all. The suggestions made with reference to the unfavorable situation of the companies located on the railroad grounds you would do well to consider. The location of these companies, viz: Neptune, Phœnix, and Hook and Ladder, has been the occasion of gen-

eral complaint on the part of the engineers and members for a considerable time, and not without reason; and after long waiting for the city government to take action for the improvement of their condition, the Phœnix voted to disband, which vote was immediately carried into effect. But through the prompt action of the engineers, another company has been organized in its stead, with the understanding that the objections which influenced the action of the former company shall be removed. No question coming before the Councils during the year has been the subject of more thought and discussion or more difficult to solve than this. It was long since conceded that some action looking to a remedy for the removal of the cause of the complaint must be had. But the differences of opinion as to what should be done, has in a measure proved a barrier to the adoption of any specific plan. The committee to whom this matter was referred, after some weeks of deliberation, during which numerous plans and locations were considered without agreeing upon any definite plan of action, recommended that it be left for the Councils of the incoming administration to take such action thereon as they might elect to do, not wishing to embarrass them by adopting plans they might not approve, and which for lack of time, must be left for them to carry out. I would therefore invite your early attention to this matter, that no more delay be had than is necessary in perfecting such changes and arrangements as will meet the reasonable demands of this department.

HIGHWAYS.

By reference to the report of the Superintendent of Highways it will be seen that much extra labor and expense was incurred in consequence of the heavy rains during the past season. Several washouts are reported, which together with damages in other directions have not

only been the occasion of much extra labor and expense, but of inconvenience and annoyance more or less to all. And I think that degree of allowance has not always been accorded the superintendent for delays in repairing, that, by virtue of the extra amount of labor thus made necessary, he was entitled to. Considering the amount of damage sustained in consequence of the causes named, much credit is due for the good condition for the most part of our highways. He also calls attention to the sewers, which in the main part are in a bad condition, although some substantial repairs have been made, but estimates that they will continue to give us much trouble until some feasible plan is adopted of a more practicable character.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

For a full, satisfactory, and interesting report of the Public Library, you are referred to that of the Trustees, who have evidently performed their duties, not only creditably to themselves but to the city as well. Some 225 new books by gift and purchase have been added, making the total number 4477. Number of books issued during the year, 16,084. A well selected and properly arranged public library is conceeded to be among the greatest blessings pertaining to the culture and moral elevation of the masses; a due appreciation of which, in our own case, has been shown in the interest and the liberal patronage it has received. And the Trustees forcibly express it when they say, "it is impossible to calculate its influence in promoting the culture, refinement and intellectual progress of our city, available as it is to all classes and all ages." Much credit is due to those who have labored so zealously and faithfully in promoting its interests and enhancing its value by classifying and catalogueing the books according to their subjects. This great advantage,

together with the adoption of the card catalogue, is a convenience and step in advance that all patrons will soon learn to appreciate. And in view of the advantage secured by its removal to city hall building, with a pleasant, commodious room, easy of access to all, we may well take a just pride in the present and prospective condition and influence of our own Public Library.

SCHOOLS.

The schools, although not coming within your immediate province of action, is ever a subject matter of interest to all, and should always receive that encouragement their importance demands. That increased interest is manifested in certain directions, at least, is evidenced by the erection in a neighboring district, of a commodious and finely constructed school-house—a model in architectural design and workmanship. Much credit is due those noble workers who have through long persevering efforts accomplished so grand a work; and it is to be hoped the commendable spirit and enterprise thus manifested will stimulate action on the part of others to emulate their example. The increasing number of scholars in Union District is already demanding attention, and it is to be hoped that action looking to increased accommodations in this direction will not be delayed until the opportunity for securing a favorable location to meet our requirements, no longer exist. The importance of making provision for evening schools to aid and accommodate a class of pupils that are largely deprived of the benefits of the day schools, is being urged by many with much force. All can estimate the benefits that might thus accrue, saying nothing of the advantage gained to the general welfare in educating them to a life of morality and usefulness, as against the result of the opposite influences to which they otherwise would be continually exposed. The continued

success of our high school, under the management of its competent teachers, is gratifying to all who feel an interest in its prosperity. Its work and influence has been for good, and it is to be hoped its usefulness will not only be maintained, but continue to increase as the passing years go by.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

You are referred to the City Marshal's report for the details of his department. He reports whole number of arrests 105 against 159 last year, a decrease of 54, which is encouraging to every lover of law and order. But while we take courage in view of the less number that have violated and transgressed the laws, and have been arraigned therefor, it is a source of regret that of the number thus arrested, 96 were for intoxication. We still have the evils of intemperance to deplore, as is evidenced by this report. There is a wrong here that certainly ought to be righted, as in reason and justice all must admit. The amount of suffering and crime throughout the country directly chargeable to the use of intoxicants is in the aggregate appalling, saying nothing of the largely increased taxation that also comes of it. The relief that was looked for through legislative enactments has not been as fully realized as those who labored for them had a right to expect. And not until the fact is more fully learned and acted upon, that so long as the General Government recognize the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors as a legitimate business, receiving revenue from it as such, and that all efforts to overcome its baneful influences through State legislation must be greatly overcome by virtue of such action, can we hope for well directed efforts in influencing Congressional action in the matter of suppressing a traffic and business, the evil effects of which are in direct proportion to the

amount of business done and the revenue received therefor. And I repeat from my first message, reaffirming that—

"There is an inconsistency in our attitude in this matter that seems quite irreconcilable with our professions. In our capacity as a nation, through our chosen legislators, constituting the national government, we legalize a traffic that, through our State legislators, we severely denounce, and enact the most stringent laws to suppress. Grant licenses and privileges for a consideration, in the one case, and visit severe penalties on the other party when attempting a relization of them, in the other. And while we should make available all the instrumentalities that promise good results in the suppression of this vice, such as the moral sense of the community may approve, we should in nowise lose sight of the importance of earnest and persistent efforts until the representatives constituting our national councils shall have given us freedom, in its truest sense, from the effects of a traffic prolific of evil, such as humanity has never known or experienced from any other cause."

BOARD OF HEALTH.

A careful perusal of the report of the Board of Health is especially to be commended. It is certainly of vital importance that each and all lend their influence and aid, by good example and otherwise, in promoting in this, as in all other directions, the welfare of our city. I regret to say, that notwithstanding the efforts of the Board of Health, together with that of numerous individuals, there still exist foul places from which the surroundings are continually suffering and to which diseases caused by malarial influences are directly traceable. The well being and comfort of those more directly exposed, as well as that of the whole community which is liable to suffer, should be held paramount to any interest that may weigh

against it. The fact that we have in so good a degree escaped those fearful consequences, which by virtue of our neglect have been invited, should in no wise be allowed to allure us and quiet our fears and thus be influenced against adopting those measures that good sense would so clearly dictate. "No fact" says the report, "is better established than that life is saved and good health promoted by a scrupulous regard to sanitary regulations in our towns and about our homes. Scarcely any fact of the same importance is passed over with so little earnest attention, through some communities are waking up to its importance." Again, "the question of public drainage and its necessity, press upon us everywhere. We have no plan to urge, but commend it to the intelligent discussion of citizens. We believe, however, that the treatment of all sewerage matter of dwelling houses by the dry earth system, and its frequent removal is, so far as practicable, greatly in advance of any system of sewerage which without perfect plumbing and trapping is liable to become an avenue from any infected family to every other connected with it." The importance of the use of dry earth, or as a very good substitute, coal ashes, for the purposes indicated, where good facilities for thorough drainage are lacking, is certainly to be commended. But few realize how much that is detrimental to health and comfort might be avoided in this way. The sewerage question to which reference is so pertinently made, is yet unsolved, though none the less important. The necessity for a system of drainage that will meet our requirements has, I believe, been urged by all of my predecessors, and various methods and plans have been submitted and discussed, looking to a realization of the benefits to be thus secured. If I mistake not, the general public feel that practical action should be taken in this direction in the near future, and I would especially urge the adoption of

a well matured plan, and that so much of it as may be consistent, be carried out during the present year.

MANCHESTER AND KEENE RAILROAD.

Reference is had to the City Solicitor's report for the present status of the Manchester & Keene Railroad suit. This suit, as you well know, was brought to recover the gratuity voted in aid of said road on certain conditions which the city claims have never been complied with. The trial at Manchester lasted from May 10th to June 3d. The referees found against the city, subject, however, to the construction the supreme court might put upon certain wordings of the resolutions granting the gratuity, which if construed by the court as understood by the city, would materially modify the amount for which the city might be held liable. A final decision of the supreme court is expected next March.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The City Hall Building Committee give in detail the expenses attendant upon the changes made in city hall under their supervision, amounting to $12,103.54. Other expenses, including steam heating apparatus, strengthening of balcony, alteration of stairway, &c., will increase the whole amount to $15,158.51. Notwithstanding the considerable expense thus incurred, the extra rentals received by virtue of the improvements made, will go far toward paying the interest on the outlay. As now completed, we certainly have a hall that, in all of its appointments, will compare favorably with the best in the State. Much credit is due for the faithful and creditable manner in which the committee have performed their duties; and I fully endorse their suggestions, viz: "With a beautiful hall, that attracts the best class of entertainments, a convenient room for the public library, and a general

improvement in the exterior of the building, we believe that, while the people will enjoy added pleasure and comfort by the change, the tax-payers will feel no additional burden on account of the money expended in making it." For further information respecting any and all departments connected with the city government, you are referred to their several reports, which evidence in a good degree, fidelity and honorable action.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the efforts made by the members of the retiring Councils to promote the interests for which they were elected, and also to tender to them, one and all, my heartfelt thanks for the kindly consideration shown me during our official relations. And allow me to express the hope that our intercourse and relations as newly organized, with the newly added members, shall be characterized by the same good feelings and harmony of action. And in this connection I desire also to express my appreciation of the good feeling, ever manifested on the part of the general public, and for the non-partisan spirit that so fully characterized our recent election. That there is a growing tendency to rise above and ignore party lines and jealousies in the selection of officers to conduct city and town affairs is evidenced in many directions. The man whose qualifications and honorable intentions mark him as being better fitted for certain duties, should, without reference to party affiliations, be chosen. Not only this, but where a spirit of tolerance is manifested in this direction, it goes far towards encouraging that fraternal feeling so much to be desired, and which, if the old time rule is in any sense binding, should characterize the acts of all. Finally, it is fitting, and moreover incumbent on us that we should return the thanks of grateful hearts to the Giver and

Author of all for the exemption from those direful calamities that have fallen so heavily in many other places; and for the many blessings that have come to us through various avenues, and which have so largely contributed to our prosperity and happiness.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7.30 o'clock P. M., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of Stephen L. Randall, President, and James E. Parmenter, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT.

1882.

MAYOR:

IRA W. RUSSELL.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.
Ralph J. Holt.

WARD 3.
George W. McDuffee.

WARD 2.
George B. Twitchell.

WARD 4.
Dexter W. Gilbert.

WARD 5—Luther P. Alden.

LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

COUNCILMEN:

STEPHEN L. RANDALL, *President.*

WARD 1.
Rufus Freeman,
Albert W. Sheldon,
Edwin M. Bullard.

WARD 3.
Clark N. Chandler,
Austin E. Howard,
Charles Bridgman.

WARD 2.
Henry W. Nims,
George L. Burdett,
Charles L. Johnson.

WARD 4.
Zebina K. Graves,
C. J. Woodward,
Charles H. Hersey.

WARD 5.
Stephen L. Randall, DeLos C. Ball, Henry S. Conillard.

JAMES E. PARMENTER, *Clerk.*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Twitchell, Councilmen Chandler and Bridgman.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Alden, Councilmen Howard and Sheldon.

Bridges. — Alderman Holt, Councilmen Nims and Burdett.

Streets, Sewers and Drains. — Alderman Holt, Councilmen Graves and Bridgman.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman McDuffee, Councilmen Couillard and Johnson.

Fire Department. — Alderman Alden, Councilmen Howard and Bullard.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Couillard and Woodward.

Water Works. — Alderman Twitchell, Councilmen Freeman and Sheldon.

Printing.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Ball and Bullard.

Schools.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Graves and Hersey.

Claims.—Alderman McDuffee, Councilmen Chandler and Hersey.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Ball and Burdett.

Public Library.—Alderman Twitchell, Councilmen Freeman and Johnson.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen McDuffee, Gilbert and Twitchell.

Licenses.—Aldermen Alden, Holt and McDuffee.

Simmons and Ministerial Funds.—Aldermen Gilbert, Twitchell and Alden.

Police.—Aldermen Holt, McDuffee and Gilbert.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Ball, Hersey and Bridgman.

Elections.—Councilmen Nims, Woodward and Johnson.

City Hall.—The Mayor, Councilmen Bullard and City Messenger.

CITY SOLICITOR:

L. Ward Holmes.

POLICE JUSTICE:

Edward Farrar.

CITY MESSENGER:

Edwin O. Keith.

ASSESSORS:

Daniel R. Cole, George H. Nims,
Frank Chapman, Daniel A. Brown.
Parker C. Butler.

COLLECTOR:

Samuel O. Gates.

CITY TREASURER:

Royal H. Porter.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS:

Julius N. Morse, John J. Holbrook.
Leonard Wellington.

CITY PHYSICIAN:

George H. Bridgman.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WARD 1.
Samuel O. Gates.

WARD 2.
George Kingsbury.

WARD 3.
Hiram Stowell.

WARD 4.
Shubael White.

WARD 5.—Philander Howland.

SEXTON:

Philander Howland.

SUPT. OF WOODLAND AND OTHER CEMETERIES:

Henry Purcell.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Daniel L. Holbrook, N. G. Gurnsey.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS:

Daniel H. Sawyer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:

James R. Livermore.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Charles H. Hersey.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Charles H. Hersey,
Wm. P. Chamberlain,
D. W. Gilbert,
Miss Katie I. Tilden,
Mrs. M. R. Osborne,
Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert.

LIBRARIAN:

Mrs. L. M. Converse.
Assistant, Miss Zeolide B. Gilmore.

CITY MARSHAL:

Samuel O. Gates.

CONSTABLE:

Edwin O. Keith.

NIGHT POLICE:

Jacob Staples.

SPECIAL POLICE:

Parker C. Butler,
Horace Joslin,
Edwin O. Keith,
Addis E. Bennett,
Philander Howland,
Henry H. Haines,
Amasa Plastridge,
Joseph W. Cummings,
Harrison R. Ward,
James Bierne,
Ira D. Gates.

CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

George D. Wheelock.

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the City Councils in 1882.

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for the year ensuing.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated for the following purposes, to-wit:

Ordinary City Charges,	$7,000
Highways and Bridges,	6,000
Sewers,	500
Fire Department,	1,500
City Paupers,	2,000
Interest on Water Loan,	1,800
Public Library,	500
Support Public Library,	200
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,400
Police,	1,200
Memorial Services,	150
	$22,250

Passed January 4, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Assistant Librarian.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

The Trustees of the Public Library are hereby authorized to employ an Assistant Librarian for Saturday evenings, and at such other times they may deem expedient, not to exceed five hours per week, and at a salary of not more than twenty cents per hour, the same to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 19, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the Hibbard Cemetery Lot.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of eight dollars and thirteen cents be paid to Henry Purcell for work done on the Sarah K. Hibbard lot in the cemetery, and that the same be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and charged to the Hibbard Fund.

Passed January 19, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the Poor.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to rent a suitable place for the accommodation of the City's poor.

Passed February 2, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be authorized to renew the contract made with U. S. Street Lighting Co., for the year 1881, to be in force during the year 1882 on the same terms.

Passed February 16, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid each member of the Board of Education in Union District, and fifty dollars to the Superintendent of Schools, for services during the year ending March, 1882, and the same be paid from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 16, 1882.

AN ORDINANCE Regulating the Use of the Public Ways.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That all persons engaged in teaming upon the public ways of the city, using chains, clevises, brakes, or any other device or appliance for retarding the speed of vehicles, the working of which will result in digging up,

destroying or rendering said public ways defective by causing ruts in the road-bed, shall while using such chains, devises, brakes, or other device for the purpose aforesaid, keep their vehicles to the right of the centre of the traveled part of the highway.

No person shall use any of the appliances above named except as such use shall be rendered reasonably necessary by the weight of the load carried or the grade of the road. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, one-half of the fine imposed to be given to the person who shall make complaint and furnish evidence sufficient for the conviction of the offender.

Passed March 16, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of Jonathan Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whereas, Jonathan Hall of this city, has represented to the Mayor and Councils that he proposes erecting buildings for the manufacture of agricultural implements, and other articles of wood, iron and other material, in the city, and has petitioned that in case he erects such buildings, said buildings, machinery and capital to be used in operating the same, be exempt from taxation for the term of ten years. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that in case Jonathan Hall, his representatives or assigns, shall establish the manufactory as above named, in this city, his or their buildings used for such manufactory, together with the machinery and capital used in operating the same, providing the amount inves-

ted in buildings and machinery shall not be less than fifteen thousand dollars, are made free from all taxes for the term of ten years, from and after such manufactory shall be begun.

Passed April 20, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Carpet for Stage in City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on City Hall be instructed to purchase a border and place the same upon the carpet as recommended by said Committee in their report, and any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated be used to defray the expense of the same.

Passed April 20, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to School Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the money required by law to be assessed in the City of Keene for the support of schools, and the portion of the literary fund assigned to the city, be apportioned among the school districts in said city as follows, viz: seventy-five dollars to be assigned to the several districts for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district respectively.

Passed June 1, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That one additional street light be erected on West street under direction of the Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts, on the same conditions as the five recently authorized to be there erected.

Passed July 6, 1882.

AN ORDINANCE amending Sec. 6, Chap. 6, of the General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That Sec. 6, Chap. 6, of the General Ordinances and all amendments thereto be stricken out and the following be inserted, viz:

Sec. 6. The Board of Water Commissioners shall have full power to make all necessary repairs on said works and to procure new supply pipes, and all other materials necessary therefor. All hydrants established by the city shall be constructed and kept in thorough repair by said Board, but said Board shall have no power to expend any money, or incur any debt, on extensions, unless by order of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Passed July 6, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Public Library.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on Public Library be authoriz to put in a wash bowl and water closet in what is now the cellar-way leading from the library room, the expense of the same to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed July 6, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Settees for Park.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Streets, Sewers and Drains be authorized and instructed to purchase twelve or more iron-framed park settees, as the Committee may think best, and place the same upon the Park, and that the expense of the same be paid from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and that the Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to place in the Park the settees belonging to the city, until others are obtained.

Passed July 6, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Sewerage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the subject of Sewerage be referred to a special committee of three, one from the Board of Aldermen and two from the Common Council, who shall make such investigation as they may deem necessary and employ competent experts, and that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to defray the expense of the same.

Passed July 6, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lighting.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be authorized to procure the erection of five lamp posts with lanterns, on West street, between the covered bridge and the house of John Symonds, and to have the same lighted agreeably to contract made with the U. S. Street Lighting Co. for the present year. Also, to have lamp posts with lanterns for gas, put up, one on School street, near Summer street, and one on West street, near F. E. Newcomb's.

And further, to have the gasoline lanterns on Vernon and Emerald streets, the same being near gas pipes, replaced by gas; the present lanterns to be used in part to supply the number on West street as above; the expense of procuring posts and lanterns to be paid from the treasury.

Passed July 6, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Sewerage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That, for the purpose of making a complete survey, working plans and specifications for the construction of a system of sewers, in conformity with the plans submitted by Col. George E. Waring, of Newport, R. I., an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the sum already appropriated, be made from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Aug. 8, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Repairs on City Hall Building, &c.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to relay the pavement in front of City Hall building, to repair and paint the tin roofs about said building, to repair the slate roof of the same, and to put a ventilator in lock-up; also to make any other necessary repairs about such building; and that the expense of the same be paid from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Aug. 8, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Sewerage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the plan for sewerage submitted by Col. George E. Waring, Jr., be adopted, and a Joint Special Committee on Sewerage be appointed and authorized to make a contract with the Drainage Construction Co. of Boston, or such other parties as they may think best, for laying sewers in the various streets as shown on the plan, and in accordance with the specifications submitted by Col. George E. Waring, Jr., and that the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars be raised and appropriated therefor.

Passed Aug. 21, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Sewerage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a Joint Special Committee on Sewerage, of one from the Board of Aldermen and two from the Common Council, be appointed, who shall have full power to contract with any responsible parties for constructing the sewers as proposed by the plan which has been adopted, and that they be further authorized to appoint a suitable superintendent to oversee the work.

Passed Aug. 21, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Paying Fire Department for Band.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of forty dollars be appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise called for, to pay the band.

Passed Sept. 21, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for City Paupers.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two thousand dollars be taken from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of city paupers.

Passed Sept. 21, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the issuing of Bonds for the payment of a portion of the city debt.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on Finance be and hereby is instructed to prepare and present a plan for issuing bonds for the payment of the gratuity voted to the Manchester and Keene Railroad and the debt incurred for sewerage; said plan to include the rate per cent., the denomination, the time in which said bonds shall mature and the most favorable method of placing the same, and said Committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the City Councils.

Passed Oct. 5, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to raising money appropriated for Sewerage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That in order to meet the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars appropriated for sewerage, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be set aside from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that the remaining seventy thousand be raised by issuing the bonds of the city.

Passed Oct. 5, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts are hereby instructed to make a contract with some party to light the street lamps that have heretofore been lighted with gasoline by the U. S. Street Lightning Co. and also such other lights as may be hereafter designated by the City Councils. The expense of such lighting to be not

more than seven cents each per night or one dollar and twenty-five cents each per month. The conditions of lighting to be the same as by the U. S. Street Lighting Co. or the Keene Gas Light Co.

Passed Oct. 19, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to borrowing money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet the payments which may become due to the Drainage Construction Co. in anticipation of the means to be raised by bonds in accordance with a vote of the City Councils.

Passed Oct. 19, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Expenses of R. H. Porter and H. O. Coolidge.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of six dollars be and hereby is appropriated for the payment of expenses of R. H. Porter and Henry O. Coolidge going to Boston in aiding the Finance Committee in drafting and placing bonds; said sum to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Nov. 4, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Keene Sewerage Loan.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That seventy thousand dollars of bonds of the city, in denominations of five hundred and one thousand dollars, to be designated "Keene Sewerage Loan," be issued and sold at not less than par, and the proceeds applied in payment of the appropriation made by a joint resolution of the City Councils passed on the 21st day of August, 1882, entitled "a Joint Resolution relating to Sewerage." Fifteen thousand dollars of said bonds to be payable July 1st, 1905, and fifteen thousand dollars on the first of July in each year thereafter until the whole are paid, and to bear semi-annual interest coupons at the rate of four per cent. per annum from the first day of January, 1883, the principal and interest payable at some bank in Boston, Mass., said bonds to bear the seal of the city, to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer.

Resolved that the Joint Standing Committee on Finance be and are hereby authorized and instructed to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Passed Nov. 4, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION for Funding Gratuity to Manchester and Keene Railroad.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That one hundred and sixty thousand dollars in bonds of the city, in denominations of five hundred and one thousand dollars, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer, bearing semi-annual interest coupons at the rate of four per cent. per annum from the first

day of January, 1883; fifteen thousand dollars of said bonds payable July 1, 1894, and fifteen thousand dollars on the first day of July in each succeeding year until the whole are paid; the principal and interest payable at some bank in Boston, Mass.,—be issued and sold at not less than par, and the proceeds applied to satisfy judgment against said Keene, decreed by the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, in pursuance of a joint resolution to aid by a gratuity the construction of the Manchester and Keene Railroad, passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, December 7, 1874; and the Joint Standing Committee on Finance are hereby authorized and instructed to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved, that all ordinances and joint resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

Passed Nov. 16, 1882.

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 6 of the General Ordinances:

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That Chapter 6 of the General City Ordinances be amended by the addition of an additional section still further defining the duties of the Superintendent of Water Works, as follows, viz:

Section 17.—The City Sewer shall be under the charge of the Superintendent of Water Works, and no person shall make any connection with any of the city sewers without first making application to said Superintendent, and said connection with an entrance into said sewer shall be made under his direction.

Passed Nov. 16, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Engine Houses.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for repairs of engine houses be appropriated and paid from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed November 16, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Bill of W. S. Ladd.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of twelve hundred and seventeen dollars be taken from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the bill of W. S. Ladd, counsel in the Manchester and Keene Railroad case.

Passed Dec. 7, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts are hereby instructed to have three street lights set up, one near the Catholic church, one near D. C. Howard's on Marlboro' street, and one at the corner of Portland and Woodburn streets, and have the same lighted with gas or gasoline as may be most expedient. And that ten lanterns be purchased by said Committee to supply the above

and to replace others that may be worn out by age; and that the expense of the same be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Dec. 7, 1882.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for Police.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the further sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be taken from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the police department.

Passed Dec. 7, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1881, to December 1, 1882, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

Davis, Wright & Co., work and material, hall roof,	$ 5	12
H. P. Muchmore, coal bill for hall, 1881,	288	33
Wm. Clapp, work on blinds for library,	8	84
J. T. Abbott, fees and expense M. & K. R. R. case,	249	91
J. T. Abbott, fees and expense to Concord, tax case,	14	35
C. H. Hersey, fees and expense M. & K. R. R. case,	230	00
Batchelder & Faulkner, fees, &c., " "	621	75
I. W. Russell, expense, " "	50	00
I. W. Russell, salary as Mayor,	200	00
J. T. Abbott, salary as Solicitor, July to Jan. 1882,	25	00
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk,	500	00
E. O. Keith, salary as City Messenger,	400	00
F. A. White, salary as Selectman, Ward 1,	5	00
Frank Chapman, salary " " 2,	5	00
F. H. Fay, " " " 3,	5	00
H. Purcell, " " " 2,	5	00
C. A. Jones, " " " 3,	5	00
G. E. Whitney, " " " 3,	5	00

M. A. Stowell, salary as Selectman, ward 3,					$5 00
Joseph Chase,	"	"	"	4,	5 00
A. N. Wardwell,	"	"	"	4,	5 00
I. D. Gates,	"	"	"	4, ½ year,	2 50
H. O. Spaulding,	"	"	"	5,	5 00
W. A. Barrett,	"	"	"	5,	5 00
J. W. Babbitt,	"	Moderator,	"	1,	2 00
Geo. K. Wright,	"	"	"	2,	2 00
W. H. Spalter,	"	"	"	3,	2 00
G. H. Tilden,	"	"	"	4,	2 00
F. A. Faulkner,	"	"	"	5,	2 00
A. M. Nims,	"	Clerk,	"	1,	5 00
J. E. Wright,	"	"	"	2,	5 00
H. A. Woodward,	"	"	"	3,	5 00
T. Hayward,	"	"	"	4,	5 00
G. H. Gilbert,	"	"	"	5,	5 00
A. H. Grimes, broom for office,					50
N. G. Woodbury & Co., curtains for office and lock-up,					6 00
J. Taintor, bounty on crows,					30
F. O. Quinn, work cleaning ward room,					2 00
J. Hall, surveying,					2 00
C. Billings, helping surveying,					1 00
Republican Printing Co., printing,					75 00
S. Spaulding, Assessor, 1881,					14 00
P. C. Butler,	"	"			7 00
A. T. Wilder,	"	"			13 50
D. R. Cole,	"	"			8 00
D. A. Brown,	"	"			10 00
Kirk & Sewall, labor and material,					1 66
E. O. Keith, gas fixtures &c., for south entrance,					18 60
R. J. Holt, sheriff, fees, &c.,					2 49
S. O. Gates,	"	"			38 89
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,					512 25
J. J. Holbrook, surveying,					7 81
W. W. Ross, labor at city hall,					30 35
R. H. Porter, salary as City Treasurer, 1881,					50 00
J. E. Parmenter, salary as Clerk of Council, 1881,					50 00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,					391 94

C. Sullivan, Supervisor. Ward 5,	$7 50
M. W. Wheeler, " " 2,	7 50
A. O. Fisk, " " 3,	7 50
J. N. Morse, salary as Health Commissioner.	20 00
L. Willington, salary as Commissioner,	20 00
J. J. Holbrook, salary as Commissioner,	20 00
E. E. Bissell, salary as Selectman, Ward 1, ½ year,	2 50
M. Carroll, whitewashing,	2 30
U. S. & C. Express Co., express on box,	1 60
S. Wadsworth & Co., repairing clock,	75
G. D. Russell, music stands,	12 30
A. Smith, postage,	2 00
N. H. Steam Heating Co., unions for heaters,	1 75
D. R. Cole, supervisor. Ward 1, 1881,	7 50
J. F. Emmons, Supervisor, Ward 4, 1881,	7 50
L. C. Darling, salary as Selectman, Ward 1, 1881,	5 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., ground rent,	30 00
Jackson & Hayward, hardware,	1 31
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, stationery &c.,	69 20
Dort & Chandler, sponge, &c.,	4 32
W. H. Spalter, books, stationery, &c.,	29 90
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, &c.,	19 15
Chas. H. Hersey, salary as Superintendent of Schools,	50 00
Board of Education,	125 00
D. A. Newton, painting,	5 50
S. L. Randall, envelopes,	65
L. C. Doolittle, for postals and stamps,	5 51
G. B. Twitchell, report of births and deaths,	14 25
A. S. Carpenter, " "	1 25
H. H. Darling, " "	8 75
G. C. and R. H. Hill, " "	16 25
G. W. Flagg, " "	5 50
W. R. Dunham, " "	3 25
S. M. Dinsmore, " "	75
J. A. Leach, " "	25
G. H. Bridgman, " "	2 50
G. F. Starkweather, " "	25
W. H. Hubbard, labor and material on boilers, &c.,	17 52

L. C. Doolittle, report births, deaths, marriages, and recording taxes,	$136 70
S. W. Wyman, bounty on crow,	20
A. H. Rogers, rubber stamp,	1 00
J. D. Colony & Son, printing,	75 75
W. A. Barrett, sand,	4 00
Hosea Foster, examining records for Assessors,	3 00
D. R. Cole, Assessor, work, 1882,	113 00
Frank Chapman, "	135 00
George H. Nims, "	113 00
D. A. Brown, Assessor, work, 1882,	115 00
P. C. Butler, " "	77 00
G. A. Gordon, labor and material,	45 02
J. R. Livermore, work on Central Park,	15 00
O. Seward, removing snow from hall,	2 25
E. Farrar, salary as Police Justice,	100 00
S. O. Gates, salary as Collector,	350 00
W. H. Smith, bounty,	20
J. T. Abbott, expense to Concord, on M. & K. Railroad case,	25 00
A. Smith, postage, &c.,	2 48
J. B. Allen, bounty on crows,	4 10
J. Towne, " "	60
W. Wyman, " "	1 10
E. Ball, " "	40
F. C. Carew, pens, &c.,	1 50
G. W. Buckminster, trucking,	50
J. W. Cummings, work in city hall,	23 85
A. R. & E. S. Foster, box for City Sealer,	10 00
O'Donnel and Page, bounty on crows,	20
H. P. Muchmore, coal for 1882,	276 00
L. W. Holmes, salary and extra work as Solicitor,	90 00
County of Cheshire, use of court house,	25 00
Yeager & Smith, ink erasers,	1 00
W. M. Clapp, painting,	1 33
A. A. Morse, burying horse,	1 50
Tim Ryan, work on hall roof,	3 95
Eagle Hotel, use of room for elections,	5 00

H. Kingsbury, bounty,		$ 10
O. H. White, bounty,		40
Keene Water Works, water for hall building,		41 00
D. Hamilton, pens, &c.,		1 75
Porter and Coolidge, expenses to Boston,		6 00
C. Sullivan, Supervisor,		7 50
A. H. Grimes, pail, soap, &c.,		1 47
E. Farrar, police court fees,		94 74
L. Holmes, supervisor,		7 50
		$6,385 94
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$1,446 83	
Amount appropriated,	7,000 00	
		$8,446 83

CITY PAUPERS.

Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material,	$ 1 25
G. C. Hill, ¼ salary as City Physician,	12 50
W. L. Davis, salary as Overseer, Ward 1,	20 00
George Kingsbury, " " " 2,	20 00
D. H. Holbrook, " " " 3,	20 00
S. White, " " " 4,	20 00
P. Howland, " " " 5,	20 00
Spencer & Co., coal furnished,	32 96
G. W. Pierce, medical fees for Ballou,	100 17
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	83 26
J. R. Beal, & Co., clothing "	13 00
George Cole, meat "	70
H. P. Muchmore, coal "	7 00
P. H. McCushing, goods "	61 28
W. B. Fitch, wood "	139 33
E. W. Gustine, shoes "	8 75
M. A. Crouch, aid for self,	78 28
T. Ryan, care, &c., of M. Mahar,	27 90
J. J. Holbrook, affidavits,	63
W. P. Chamberlain, goods furnished,	3 50
N. H. Insane Asylum, board and care Miss Pierce, and others,	235 76

A. J. Burnham, care, &c., Mrs. N. Wilson,	$ 69 10
State Industrial School, board and care,	153 50
S. O'Brien, board and care J. McLear,	148 00
Mrs. P. Dolan, rent for Amy Foster,	28 14
A. A. Stiles, milk for pauper,	3 00
W. & T. J. French, goods furnished,	53 45
Town of Chesterfield, support of H. H. Hall's family,	126 00
L. F. Buffum, board and care E. Ballou,	520 00
Mrs. E. Rugg, care E. Rugg,	54 15
J. Ellis, aid for self,	54 45
H. Madden, aid for child,	24 90
E. R. Gerould, care Miss Gerould,	123 33
H. Ballou, aid for self,	43 13
A. H. Grimes, goods furnished,	48 93
Geo. O. Gray, goods furnished,	45 31
N. G. Woodbury & Co., caskets, &c. furnished,	19 00
J. B. Fisher, shoes furnished,	2 25
D. W. Nims, wood "	18 27
B. H. Britton, wood "	18 00
H. M. Darling, meat "	1 01
H. Giffin, coal "	18 67
S. J. Howard, shoes "	4 43
S. O. Gates, expenses to Winchester,	1 50
Mrs. J. Warren, care Mahar,	17 00
A. E. Blake, care Mahar,	9 50
C. L. Seavey, bread furnished,	75
C. Bridgman, goods "	58 97
P. Howland, sevices as sexton,	6 25
G. H. Tilden & Co., books for poor children,	57 02
W. H. Spalter & Co., " "	132 68
S. Spaulding, shoes furnished,	14 00
Mrs. S. Cram, aid for Mrs. Howard,	45 81
C. W. Wyman, meat furnished,	1 75
Mrs. J. Warren, board, &c., Mahar child,	38 26
G. H. Bridgman, salary as City Physician,	37 50
G. H. Bridgman, expense to Winchester, E. Ballou,	9 50
A. Richardson, sawing wood,	4 50
Geo. E. Holbrook, goods furnished,	71 69

Geo. Kingsbury, expense to Winchester,	$1 50
Geo. M. Willard & Co., clothing furnished,	18 50
Barney Gilboa, sawing wood,	1 75
C. M. Cummings, shoes furnished,	7 75
M. Naramore, care Mrs. Ballou,	35 30
Tim Kelleher, board, &c., Mrs. Chambers,	147 99
M. J. Sherman, board, &c., A. Bingham,	3 50
G. W. Zimmerman, milk furnished,	3 66
C. A. Bouvier, board, &c., Harmon child,	65 09
S. White, expense to Richmond and Winchester,	3 25
H. Joslin, " " "	5 00
G. H. Bridgman, medical services, Mrs. Britton,	3 00
M. Burns, rent for Amy Foster,	11 66
F. E. Keyes, goods furnished,	74 68
Safford & Sanborn, meat furnished,	3 06
L. Wright, shoes furnished,	4 50
Chase & Richards, clothing furnished,	2 50
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing furnished,	8 30
Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	3 20
S. White, use of team,	3 50
Newman & Co., goods furnished,	2 70
H. O. Esty, board of H. Ballou,	24 50
Boston Branch Store, groceries furnished,	51 45
G. H. Bridgman, bandages furnished,	2 50
Mrs. A. L. Parker, board, &c., Mrs. Foster and White,	18 42
T. J. French, groceries furnished,	30 73
S. Randall, milk "	2 70
Mrs. R. Taylor, care Mrs. Chambers,	3 50
H. B. Allen, aid for self,	9 00
F. H. Wright, shoes furnished,	55
Dort & Chandler, medicine furnished,	75
A. E. Bennett, expense to Concord with Pettes and Miss Gerould,	30 00
	$3,574 47

COUNTY PAUPERS.

M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	$ 75	28
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing, "	11	00
Geo. Cole, meat, "	1	18
H. P. Muchmore, coal, "	5	44
P. H. McCushing, groceries, "	49	53
W. B. Fitch, wood, "	199	19
E. W. Gustine, shoes, "	16	55
J. Donahue, board, &c., McCaferty,	3	00
O. J. Howard, board, &c., Mrs. Sawin,	74	94
G. W. Ball & Co., clothing furnished,	14	00
G. W. Zimmerman, milk, "	18	98
Contingent fund, railroad fare, &c.,	12	66
R. P. Leonard, board, &c., W. Leonard.	86	84
A. Holt, aid for self,	25	79
M. McLaughlin, board, &c., of child,	26	01
S. Snow, aid for self,	51	53
S. O. Gates, food for transients,	24	54
L. Wright, shoes, &c., furnished,	3	65
W. C. Bigelow, milk, "	1	11
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing furnished,	6	50
A. H. Grimes, groceries "	31	76
G. O. Gray, " "	60	08
N. G. Woodbury & Co., caskets, &c., "	25	50
J. B. Fisher, shoes "	38	80
Dauphin Nims, wood "	34	91
B. H. Britton, wood "	12	50
H. M. Darling, meat, "	3	38
H. Giffin, coal, "	7	98
S. Spaulding, shoes, "	16	75
G. C. Hill, medical attendance Mrs. Harmon,	8	00
W. P. Chamberlain, goods furnished,	6	03
S. C. Bouvier, care Mrs. Harmon,	9	50
E. S. Eustice, supplies for Mrs. Grout,	5	21
M. A. Ryan, care of P. O'Keefe,	24	00
W. & T. J. French, goods furnished,	79	53
T. J. French, " "	23	21
A. Richardson, sawing wood,	4	50

Geo. E. Holbrook, goods furnished,	$108 12
J. F. Priest, funeral charges,	5 50
F. O. Nims, rent for Geo. Clasby,	12 00
Louisa Hubbard, care Mrs. Grout,	13 50
Mrs. McGee, care Kate Barret's child,	47 37
C. M. Cummings, shoes, &c., furnished,	6 35
E. Harkins, expense of Handy to Lowell.	6 00
W. R. Dunham, medical services,	1 15
W. G. Hall, goods furnished,	11 77
P. Howland, Sexton, services,	12 50
Faulkner & Colony, rent for J. Ryan,	27 00
C. Bridgman, goods furnished,	49 42
Safford & Sanborn, meat "	7 71
F. E. Keyes, goods "	53 47
F. A. Fuller, board, &c., Geo. Briggs.	13 50
J. Bowker, rent for Geo. Briggs,	15 00
E. Burr & Sons, meat furnished,	1 90
P. C. Butler, support Briggs family,	11 51
W. W. Stone, supplies for G. Rock,	2 00
George Kingsbury, expense to Westmoreland,	2 00
Chase & Richards, clothing furnished,	14 75
F. H. Wright, shoes "	7 80
J. A. Drummer, wood "	40 33
Boston Branch Store, goods "	34 80
G. H. Bridgman, bandages "	2 50
Mrs. A. E. Blake, care, &c., Mrs. Sadigns.	7 00
J. B. Bean, care, &c., Mrs. Sharkey,	5 00
J. Langan, care, &c., Mrs. Sadigns,	3 00
D. Russell, team,	1 50
E. Bergeson, repairing shoes,	1 00
H. Purcell, sexton, services,	2 00
George Wagner, milk for T. Donovan,	11 76
G. B. Twitchell, medical services, J. Foley,	58 75
J. Chambers, rent for T. Donovan,	20 00
J. B. Abbott, expense carrying Briggs and others to farm,	14 10
J. McMara, milk for Donovan,	4 92
G. M. Willard & Co., clothing furnished.	9 00

M. Hines, rent for Mrs. Donovan,		$2 50
G. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,		2 62
County paupers,		$1,750 46
City paupers,		3,574 47
		$5,324 96
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$ 150 05	
Appropriated 1882,	4,000 00	
Received from County,	1,741 43	
	$5,891 48	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. R. & E. S. Foster, labor and material,	1881-2,	$ 15 80
J. L. Butler, salary as Supt. ¼ year,	1881,	137 50
Thomas Grimes, labor on highway,	"	7 25
Goodnow Brothers, lumber,	"	21 67
C. W. Wyman, labor on highway,	"	8 25
C. Pressler, stone,	"	7 56
J. Chase, labor on highway,	"	5 50
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder, &c.,	"	18 08
D. W. Nims, labor on highway,	"	10 00
Levi Allen, labor on highway,	"	5 25
George Kingsbury, lumber,	"	26 23
L. Martin, clearing sidewalks, etc.,	"	25 50
S. O. Gates, work on crossings,	"	3 30
W. H. Brooks, blacksmithing,	"	24 18
R. Ray, blacksmithing,	"	5 38
D. B. Stearns, labor on highway,	" 1882,	18 50
J. L. Butler, stone,	"	2 80
J. W. Nye, labor on highway,	"	18 85
Beaver Mills, lumber,	"	42 00
W. Scripture, labor on highway,	"	6 55
Spencer & Co., hardware, etc.,	"	5 61
David Woodward, labor on highway,	"	4 60
W. B. Read, gravel,	"	1 20

A. J. Williams, work on highway, 1881,		$6 00
G. A. Gordon, labor and material, on bridge, 1882,		55 97
E. Eveleth, labor on highway,	1881,	4 40
J. H. Smith, labor on highway,	"	4 25
J. R. Livermore, ¾ salary as Supt., etc.,	1882,	412 50
D. A. Brown, labor on highway,	1881-2,	98 50
Myron Ellis, labor on highway,	"	30 07
J. R. Livermore, Supt., pay-roll,	1882,	4,094 64
M. Guillow, lumber,	"	140 59
G. F. Gilbert, labor on highway,		1 25
Chas. B. Nims, labor on highway,		3 00
Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material, So. Keene bridge,		141 86
E. G. Randall, carting and scraping snow,		56 30
C. M. Foster, labor on highway,		6 36
O. D. Pratt, clearing sidewalks,		21 43
D. S. Willard, " "		12 75
T. F. & A. H. Barrett, clearing sidewalks,		42 75
S. O. Gates, " "		18 30
M. S. Buckminster, labor on highway,		4 42
G. H. Randall, " "		2 00
L. E. Joslin, clearing sidewalk,		8 75
D. Woodward, labor on highway,		10 40
W. W. Stone, " "		4 50
I. Curtis, " "		48 80
G. W. Porter, clearing sidewalk,		3 00
J. Kingsbury, " "		14 05
A. T. Stearns, labor on highway,		6 25
E. W. Gunn, " "		3 00
S. C. Ellis, " "		33 40
G. K. Wright " "		5 00
R. Ray, blacksmithing,		6 27
H. H. Barker, drawing stone,		106 81
S. D. Dart, lumber,		51 29
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, tools, etc.,		98 96
A. H. Hamblet, railing poles, 1882,		16 70
G. W. Pierce, breaking roads,		2 00
I. Rand, sand,		6 37

D. W. Wilson, railing poles,		$33 00
E. E. Merriam, hemlock timber,		75 00
H. M. Nims, railing poles,		74 50
Chas. Abbott, work on highway,		68 65
W. Dickinson, rotten stone,		20 60
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight on stone,		72 89
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber, etc.,		4 60
Beaver Mills, lumber,		302 65
O. Seward, trucking plank, etc.,		7 95
G. W. Russell, blacksmith work,		22 40
D. H. Reed, stone,		219 00
R. Griffith, trucking,		50
Keene Marble and Granite Co., stone for roller,		14 58
J. C. White, painting So. Keene bridge,		9 00
Mrs. S. W. Raymond, use of derrick and ropes, 1879,		10 00
A. G. Mann, stone,		84 61
S. Spaulding, rubber boots,		8 25
R. S. Graves, work on highway,		10 00
E. W. Greenwood, lumber,		26 48
Chas. W. Heaton, labor on highway,		8 00
Abbott Wright, " "		2 33
J. Dart, stone,		2 10
Boston & Lowell Railroad Co., freight,		36
Cheshire Prov. Inst., sand,		26 40
		$7,105 32
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$1,282 43	
Appropriated, 1882,	6,000 00	
		$7,282 43

SEWERS. (Old.)

J. L. Butler, pay-roll,	1881,	$ 199 10
George Kingsbury, lumber,	"	20 00
J. R. Livermore, pay-roll,	1882,	237 00
S. D. Dart, lumber,	"	80 00
D. H. Reed, stone,	"	42 97
H. W. Clapp, traps for sewer,	"	11 28
		$590 35

Amount brought up,		$590 35
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$375 10	
Appropriated 1882,	500 00	
		$875 10

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

S. L. Randall, towels,	$ 30
J. Ahern, paint and labor, Deluge house,	15 51
W. B. Fitch, wood for hose houses,	42 75
W. M. Harrington, steward, work,	2 50
J. Kingsbury, hay for hydrants,	1 00
F. A. White, salary as Chief Engineer, 1881,	30 00
M. E. Starkey, salary as Assistant Engineer,	25 00
F. T. Barrett, " "	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, salary, etc., "	29 00
Geo. L. Whitney, salary "	25 00
H. H. Barker, " "	25 00
Chas. Abbott, " "	25 00
H. W. Hubbard, repair hose carriage,	4 35
Chase & Richards, rubber coats,	10 50
E. S. Gay, steward and fireman's work,	14 50
L. Martin, use of horse at fires,	22 50
Whittemore & Co., printing,	6 75
Kirk & Sewall, repair water cooler,	90
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	13 75
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	14 49
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	37 25
R. Ray, blacksmithing,	1 95
R. Griffith, use of horse at fires,	1 50
A. R. & E. S. Foster, labor and material,	30 25
Bowker & Streeter, use of horse at fires,	26 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	26 60
F. E. Comstock, wood,	20 30
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery, etc.,	4 44
T. Ryan, work covering hydrants,	4 50
J. Reason, " "	8 00
Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material,	35 39

S. S. Wilkinson & Co., repair belts, etc.,	$5 90
A. Sprague, crackers and cheese,	2 50
W. H. Britton, sawing wood,	3 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery, etc.,	5 40
F. A. White, work on hose house,	1 00
Dort & Chandler, supplies,	9 24
D. Sullivan, sawing wood, etc.,	5 00
E. P. Karrigan, steward,	10 00
Geo. E. Forbes, steward, etc.,	16 50
J. Lamb, spanners, etc.,	5 90
L. D. Joslyn, use of horse at fires,	4 00
A. O. Davis, services as fireman,	3 75
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material,	5 65
Geo. H. Smith, pay as fireman,	13 75
F. O. Quinn, pay as steward,	20 00
J. R. Livermore, work on hydrants,	8 50
D. B. Piper, keys for hose house,	3 10
A. L. Harkins, painting Deluge hose carriage,	60 00
G. W. Buckminster, use of horse at fire,	1 00
Y. Jones, blacksmith work,	4 25
F. W. Towne, work as fireman,	8 75
M. Armstrong, plumbing at Deluge house,	9 46
C. H. Fisk, pay as fireman,	8 13
Neptune Hose Co., for band,	40 00
E. M. Robbins, pay as fireman,	5 80
F. N. Wood, work at Neptune hose house,	5 98
H. W. Harvey, " "	1 50
Deluge Hose Co. pay roll,	283 75
Washington Hook and Ladder pay roll,	267 50
Phœnix Hose Co. pay roll, (old company),	26 25
Phœnix Hose Co. pay roll, (new company),	195 75
Neptune Hose Co. pay roll,	285 00
J. R. Livermore, hay and work on hydrants,	17 00
	$1,873 29
Amount overdrawn Dec. 1, 1881,	65 84
	$1,939 13
Amount appropriated 1882, $2500 00	

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

S. O. Gates, salary as City Marshal,			$100 00
A. H. Grimes, broom, oil, etc.,			2 36
H. Giffin, coal for lock-up,			11 99
S. O. Gates,	police service,		100 88
H. H. Haines,	" "		132 00
P. C. Butler,	" "		113 00
H. Joslin,	" "	nights,	415 00
J. W. Cummings,	" "		73 00
A. Plastridge,	" "		44 00
W. C. Fassett,	" "		4 00
P. Howland,	" "		3 00
E. O. Keith,	" "		6 00
J. Staples,	" "	nights,	357 15
J. Staples, truant services,			30 15
A. E. Bennett,	police services,		92 50
I. D. Gates,	police and truant services,		23 60
J. Bierne,	" "		3 00
Keene Gas-Light Co., gas,			19 15
J. J. Tower, police caps,			19 85
Davis, Wright & Co., work on stoves,			75
L. Holmes,	police service,		2 00
G. L. Whitney,	" "		3 00
Chas. Peasley,	" "		68 00
J. R. Livermore,	" "		3 00
J. McGeary,	" "		4 00
H. R. Ware,	" "		18 00
Amos Gale,	" "		3 00
Lovell & Sons, police clubs, etc.,			18 00
			$1,670 73
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,		$ 476 49	
Amount appropriated,		1,450 00	
			$1,926 49

WATER WORKS.

D. H. Sawyer, salary as Superintendent.	$600 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,	1 80
Jarecks, Hayes & Co., stop boxes,	32 40

D. H. Sawyer, Supt., labor roll, etc.,	$211 08
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	17 47
J. Humphrey, salary as Commissioner,	15 00
N. G. Gurnsey, " "	15 00
D. H. Holbrook, " "	15 00
R. D. Wood & Co., bill of pipe,	1,011 11
E. G. Randall, carting pipe,	12 84
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,	19 87
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material,	5 15
Davis, Wright & Co., " "	7 00
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes,	17 75
Nims, Whitney & Co., stop boxes,	5 77
	$1,987 24

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

C. F. Gilbert, repair books,		$33 85
Lee & Shepard, books,		280 35
J. N. McClintock, Granite State Monthly,		5 00
S. Hayward, book,		6 50
W. H. Spalter & Co., books, etc.,		12 23
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,		41 84
Scribner & Sons, encyclopedia,		84 00
U. S. and Canada Express Co., express,		4 60
D. Appleton & Co., books,		7 00
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books,		169 98
N. E. School Furnishing Co., cards, etc.,		4 20
		$649 55
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$228 02	
Appropriated, 1882,	500 00	
		$728 02

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Z. B. Gilmore, work in library,		$27 40
Amount appropriated,	$27 40	

LIBRARY EXPENSES.

W. P. Chamberlain, paid for cleaning library, etc.,		$ 3 25
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, duster for library,		2 00
E. W. Gustine, gas burner chimney,		20
Keene Gas Co., gas,		57 40
G. A. Gordon, labor and material on blinds,		98
Keene Furniture Co., repair cases,		1 75
Kirk & Sewall, work on stoves, etc., 1879, '80 and '81,		7 55
		$73 13
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$ 97 39	
Appropriated, 1882,	200 00	
	$297 39	

WASH-BOWL AND CLOSET IN LIBRARY.

E. O. Keith, bill for work and material,		$98 00
Amount appropriated,	$98 00	

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Light Co., bill for lighting and posts,		$1,348 19
P. Howland, trucking posts, gasoline,		50
Geo. A. Balch, work setting posts, gasoline,		1 25
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight bill,		2 79
U. S. Street Lighting Co., bill for posts and lighting,		172 15
		$1,524 88
Balance Dec. 1, 1882,	$ 545 24	
Appropriated, 1882,	1,400 00	
	$1,945 24	

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss E. Hall,	$10 00
Miss K. Billings,	10 00
Miss Ann Cummings,	5 00
Mrs. A. G. Reed,	10 00
Mrs. J. Tufts,	10 00
Mrs. C. Heustice,	5 00
	$50 00

Amount brought up,		$50 00
Balance Dec. 1, 1881,	$11 00	
Interest Jan. 1, 1882,	60 00	
	$71 00	

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Rev. W. H. Eaton,		$23 93
Rev. A. B. Crawford,		23 93
Rev. C. Richardson,		23 93
Rev. J. A. Leach,		23 93
Rev. W. Eakins,		23 93
Rev. A. Walkley,		23 93
Rev. P. Holohan,		23 93
Mrs. Perkins,		23 93
		$191 44
Amount of interest Jan. 1, 1882,	$191 44	

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	$13,635 59
" 2,	550 00
" 3,	178 66
" 4,	132 36
" 5,	183 70
" 6,	193 40
" 7,	188 60
" 8,	188 00
" 9,	238 95
" 10,	641 38
" 11,	171 04
	$16,301 68

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

District No. 10,	$1,850 00

REPAIR SCHOOL HOUSE.

District No. 9.		$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated,		$150 00

COUNTY TAX.

Total tax,		$10,910 16
County of Cheshire, abatement,		847 78
		$10,062 38

DAMAGES.

F. A. Ellis, damage to horse,		$25 00

ALTERATION OF CITY HALL.

N. E. School Furnishing Co., balance on balcony chairs,		$41 11
Balance Dec. 1881,	$96 00	

SUPPORT OF HALL BALCONY.

Humphrey Machine Co., bill for rods, etc.,		$437 26
By pillars and rods,		37 15
		$400 11
Appropriated,	$500 00	

LAND DAMAGE.

P. C. & C. H. Butler,		$20 50

DOG FUND.

Charles Wright, loss of sheep by dogs,		$14 00

HIBBARD CEMETERY LOT.

H. Purcell, work on lot,	$8 13

VACCINATING.

G. H. Bridgman, bill for vaccinating,	$212 45

SETTEES FOR PARK.

R. J. Holt, pay bill for settees,	$55 28

REPAIR HALL ROOF, WALKS, &c.

Geo. F. Chamberlain, work laying brick,		$13 50
E. O. Keith, work on walk, &c.,		10 00
W. A. Barrett, brick and sand,		9 00
Jackson & Hayward, labor and stock on roof,		15 00
Kirk & Sewall, labor and stock on roof and lock-up,		33 53
Tim Ryan, slate on roof.		3 85
		$84 88
Amount appropriated,	$84 88	

SEWER SYSTEM.

George E. Waring, Jr., bill for plans, &c.,		$500 00
Appropriated.	$500 00	

SEWERAGE, (New.)

The Drainage Construction Co., labor and material,		$32,842 67
Adams & Muzzey, City Supt's of Sewerage.		1,132 09
Knowlton & Stone, tools, &c., for Supt's.		3 87
G. A. Gordon, work and material on box for tools.		3 75
S. O. Gates, fees for giving notice to land owners.		15 50
J. W. Babbitt, " " "		2 50
		$34,000 38
Amount appropriated,	$85,000 00	

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

City hall rents.	$1,414 00
Store rents, etc..	1,459 75
Water Works.	9,376 65
Library funds.	93 40
Esty note balance.	1,147 45
Taxes, 1879.	350 10
Taxes, 1880.	200 00
Taxes, 1881.	14,800 00
Taxes, 1882.	53,800 00
Cheshire Bank, daily balance.	569 24
Abatement State tax, 1880.	1,160 00
Abatement State tax, 1881.	1,160 00
Insurance tax.	179 62
Railroad tax.	4,371 21
Savings Bank tax.	9,836 67
Literary fund.	497 51
Connecticut River Railroad, for sand.	17 50
Police fines.	344 00
County paupers.	1,741 43
Lodgers at Police station.	49 05
Highways, etc..	120 98
Pasture,	59 00
R. H. Porter, money borrowed for sewers.	35,000 00
	$137,747 56

EXPENDITURES.

Ordinary city charges.	$6,385 94
City paupers.	3,574 47
County paupers.	1,750 46
Highways and bridges.	7,105 32
Sewers (old).	590 35
Fire department.	1,873 29
Police,	1,670 73
Water works.	1,987 24

Street lamps, gas and gasoline,	$1,524 88
Public Library,	649 55
" " expense,	73 13
" " assistant,	27 40
" " plumbing work, &c.,	98 00
Simmons fund,	50 00
Ministerial fund,	191 44
Schools,	16,301 68
New school house, No. 10,	1,850 00
Repair school house,	200 00
Dog fund,	14 00
Hibbard lot,	8 13
Vaccination,	212 45
Park settees,	55 28
Alteration city hall, balance,	41 11
Support of city hall balcony,	400 11
Repair of city hall roof and sidewalk,	84 88
Memorial day,	150 00
County tax,	10,062 38
State tax,	14,928 00
Land damage,	20 50
Highway damage,	25 00
New sewerage,	34,500 38
Bonds,	10,500 00
Interest on bonds,	8,785 00
	$125,691 10

ASSETS.

State bonds,	$2,200 00
Due from Collector, 1876, $1,181.54, less salary, $700.00,	481 54
Due from Collector, 1882,	13,254 59
Balance in treasury,	49,075 79
Due from water rates,	355 33
	$65,367 25

INDEBTEDNESS.

Water bonds.	$140,700 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City hall building.	$35,000 00
Furniture in city hall building.	1,000 00
Fire department.	10,127 00
City pasture.	2,000 00
Real estate on Vernon street.	600 00
Water works.	531 00
Highways,	250 00
City Marshal's office.	200 00
	$49,708 00

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

IRA W. RUSSELL,
GEORGE B. TWITCHELL,
CLARK N. CHANDLER,
CHARLES BRIDGMAN,
Committee on Finance.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation:—

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1883.

Ordinary city charges.	$7,000 00
Highways and bridges.	6,000 00
Sewers.	500 00
Fire department.	1,500 00
City paupers.	3,000 00

Interest on water loan,	$1,200 00
Public library,	500 00
Lighting streets,	1,500 00
Police,	1,200 00
Support of public library,	200 00
Memorial services,	150 00
Interest on sewer loan,	2,800 00
Interest on Manchester and Keene bonds,	6,400 00
Water bonds due December, 1883,	4,000 00
Total,	$35,950 00

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

GENTLEMEN: The following is my report as Superintendent of Highways, in the City of Keene, for the year 1882.

Upon assuming the duties of said office I made a careful survey of the highways, and found it very necessary to spend considerable time and money in repairing bridges, which I did thoroughly, to the best of my ability.

One other feature of the highway department claimed my attention at an early date. Owing to the nature of the material which had previously been made use of in repairing sidewalks and roads, there was an unnecessary abundance of mud. To remedy this I at once covered the muddy portions of the sidewalks and such parts of the roads as I thought proper with a material which has shown by the good results that have followed its use in past years that it is an excellent material for making good roads, and more especially dry sidewalks, during the wet and rainy seasons of the year.

Quite a large amount of money and time was also spent in constructing the granite walks, which render it much more convenient and pleasant for persons desirous of crossing Central Square through the park.

No roads have been worked over by me more than once during the season, and all money which I have spent upon the highways has been spent carefully and economically. Several roads in the suburbs I have hired parties to look after because they were situated to do so to a much better advantage than myself. Most of my labor upon the highways has been spent in places where I thought the largest number of citizens would be benefitted.

The roads are all in a very fair condition, except such parts of the city streets as have been necessarily dug up in laying the city sewer.

Further information in regard to the amount of money used, and any particulars relating to this department, can be seen in the Financial Report.

The tools which I now have in my possession that belong to the city, are: 2 small ditch scrapers, 3 large road scrapers, 2 plows, 8 shovels, 7 picks, 3 large hammers, 2 small hammers, 2 paving hammers, 3 iron bars, 3 large drills, lot of small drills, 1 saw, 1 lantern, 1 wrench, 3 bits and bit stock, and a lot of 18 inch drain pipe, and from 400 to 500 feet of lumber, 1 tool box, 1 steel rake, 1 wheelbarrow, and 1 hoe.

I have collected and deposited with the City Treasurer $97.96 for material sold and for outside labor done. Since December 12th I have collected and deposited $6.00 for material.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LIVERMORE, *Superintendent.*

CITY PASTURE.

Paid for material and labor for building fences,	$ 6 00	
Received for pasturing cows,	143 00	
Deposited with City Treasurer before Dec. 12,		$59 00
Collected and deposited with City Treasurer after Dec. 12,		84 00
Total amount deposited,		$143 00

J. R. LIVERMORE, *Agent.*

WATER WORKS.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the City Councils:

We herewith transmit the report of the Superintendent of the Keene Water Works, which contains a summary of the financial transactions of the department for the year ending December 1, 1882, and shows a marked increase in the receipts and net earnings of the works; the net earnings having largely exceeded that of any former year, and being sufficient to pay a little more than 5 per cent. interest on the construction account, aside from the use of water from public drinking fountains, street sprinkling and fire protection—which, if charged at rates current in other places, would make a very satisfactory showing to the credit of the Water Works.

With little occasion, and still less authority, for extensions of the works, the construction account remains as last reported at $162,898.68.

Although same improvements in this line may be advisable, they can well await the action of progressive ordinance makers.

The duties of the Superintendent have been well performed, the works kept in good condition, the assessment and collection of water rents and other business has been attended to in a manner which has tended to increase the receipts of the department—plainly showing that a little experience in the management of the affairs of the office is more profitable than frequent and capricious changes of its incumbent.

Commending the suggestions of the Superintendent relative to an increase of water supply, they are

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
N. G. GURNSEY,
Water Commissioners.

Keene, Dec. 12, 1882.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the General City Ordinances, I herewith present a summary of the accounts of this department for the year ending December 1, 1882:

SERVICE PIPES.

Number reported Dec. 1, 1882,	912
Number added during the year,	21
Number attached to work to date,	933

WATER RENTS.

Uncollected assessments per report 1881,		$ 375 17
25th " Dec. 1, 1881,		4,392 00
26th " June 1, 1882,		5,069 10
Total,		$9,836 27

CORRECTIONS AND ABATEMENTS.

On assessments prior to 25th,	$38 76	
" 25th and 26th,	181 45	
		$220 21

COLLECTIONS.

On assessments prior to 25th,	$ 336 41	
" " 25th,	4,198 79	
" " 26th,	4,725 53	
		$9,260 73

BALANCES UNPAID.

On assessment 25th,	$ 81 00	
" 26th,	274 33	
		$355 33
Total,		$9,836 27

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received on account water rents to Dec. 1, 1882,	$9,260 73
" " tappings,	48 43
" " stock sold,	67 49
	$9,376 65

Deposited with City Treasurer, $9,376 65.

EARNINGS.

Water rents, No. 25,		$4,392 00
" " " 26,		5,069 10
Received on account tappings,		48 43
Due from O. D. Pratt, for ice,		100 00
		$9,609 53
Less corrections and abatements,		220 21
Total from water rents,		$9,389 32

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Salary D. H. Sawyer, Supt.,	$600 00	
" J. Humphrey, Commissioner,	15 00	
" D. H. Holbrook, "	15 00	
" N. G. Gurnsey, "	15 00	
G. H. Tilden & Co., for book,	19 87	
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,	1 80	
Humphrey Machine Co., on repairs,	5 15	
Knowlton & Stone, "	17 47	
Davis, Wright & Co., "	7 00	
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes,	17 75	
Nims, Whitney & Co., stop boxes,	5 77	
E. G. Randall, team work,	12 84	
D. H. Sawyer, sundry bills paid,	211 08	
Used from stock on hand,	15 88	
		$959 53
Net earnings,		$8,429 79

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Paid R. D. Wood & Co., cast iron pipe,		$1,011 11
" Jarecki & Hays, stop boxes,		32 40
Value of stock reported Dec. 1, 1881,		531 34
		$1,564 85
Rec'd of Drainage Construction Co., pipe, &c.,	$32 05	
Rec'd for 19 stop boxes and covers,	27 04	
" cement pipe,	8 40	
Used from stock on repairs,	15 80	
		$83 29

ON HAND.

96 ft. 12 inch cast iron pipe,	$153 87	
96 ft. 10 " " "	119 21	
96 ft. 8 " " "	89 57	
792 ft. 6 " " "	541 75	
744 ft. 4 " " "	299 66	
76 ft. 4 " wrought iron "	45 00	
30 ft. 3 " " "	9 00	
16 ft. 2 " " "	4 00	
Lot cement pipe,	10 00	
2 post hydrants,	35 00	
1 2-in. connection valve,	8 00	
2 2-in. hydrant valves,	8 00	
1 1¼-in. hydrant,	2 00	
7 stopcocks,	4 00	
6 extension stop boxes,	8 00	
Rubber cloth and twine,	18 00	
		$1,355 06

TOOLS.

Office furniture and water gauges,	$50 00	
3 pumps,	15 00	
2 pairs pipe tongs and 1 pair snips,	8 00	
20 shovels and 16 picks,	20 00	
2 bush hooks,	2 00	
2 hammers, 1 axe,	3 00	
1 lantern and pails,	1 50	
1 jack screw and wrenches,	12 00	
Rubber boots and mittens,	5 00	
Lot of miscellaneous articles,	10 00	
		$126 50
		$1,564 85

The repair account for the past season has been much less than usual. We have had a number of breaks occasioned by workmen upon the sewers, which have been repaired at the expense of the Drainage Construction Co. The Works are in good condition. We have had comparatively few leaks, and none of serious character. The water supply has been un-

usually good, the main reservoir having been kept full by rains, until the first of July; since which time, with the exception of a few days in September, it has gradually fallen, until at the present time it is quite low, and as Winter has set in without our usual rain-fall it is necessary that users should look after leaky faucets and unnecessary waste. We have been obliged twice during the year to shut the water from the main pipe to make repairs on Court street, during which time water was drawn from Beach Hill reservoir, which occasioned considerable complaint from people in the east part of city on account of impurity of the water. And with the liabilities of stoppages on our main line for repairs, and the prospective increase in consumption of water incident to its additional use with our new system of sewerage, it is evident that some measures should soon be taken to increase the supply.

D. H. SAWYER, *Superintendent.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER, KEENE, Dec. 1, 1882.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the following report of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 1, 1882.

The year just past has been a very fortunate one. We have had but very few fires, and the losses have been small.

I have endeavored, with the valuable aid of my assistant, to keep the department in good working order at all times; and I must say that Keene may well be proud of her fire department.

The condition of the apparatus at the present time is good. But little has been expended this year except for the painting of the Deluge hose carriage. The Deluge Hose Company have a very good house. They have refitted and refurnished their hall in a very neat and appropriate manner, nearly the whole being done at their own expense. They have also procured, at their own expense, a very neat uniform. I think these things speak well for the interest they take in their work. The Neptune Hose Co., while in every way the equal of the other companies, labors under the disadvantage of poor quarters; and certainly before another year passes some change will have to be made here. The Phœnix Hose Co. is in good working condition, and though comparatively a new company, has proved itself to be one of the best. The Hook and Ladder Company is in as good condition as it is possible to make it under the disadvantage of poor quarters, which

are even worse than those of the Neptune Hose Co. A good hook and ladder company is just as essential as a good hose company, and I trust that something will be done toward giving this company better quarters another year. Here let me say, also, that the uniforms of the Neptune and Phœnix hose companies, and of the Hook and Ladder company, are very poor, and I would recommend that they be provided with suitable uniform.

The locations of the hand engines and extra hose carts are the same as in years past, with no material change in their condition.

In regard to the fire alarm, I would say that the experience of the year just past is such that I am confident that it is for the interest of the city to make some arrangement with the Telephone Company so that the alarm can be struck from their general office. There is now a telephone in nearly every part of the city, and an alarm can be given through that office much quicker than in any other way. The following are the alarms of fire the past year:

Jan. 23; 6.35 A. M.—Fire at F. A. Barker's, Main street; cause, spark from locomotive. Loss $50; insured.

Feb. 7; 5 P. M..—Chimney burnt out at Richards' house, High street. No loss.

Feb. 20.—Fire at Dort & Farrar's drug store. No loss.

Aug. 21.—Fire at G. M. Gowen's, Madison court; cause, defective chimney. Loss $2000; insured.

Nov. 13; 9.15 A. M.—Fire at S. W. Hale's furniture shop, Ralston street. No loss.

NUMBER OF MEN.

The working force of the department consists of three hose companies of twenty men each, one hook and ladder company of twenty men, and seven engineers.

DISCIPLINE.

It gives me pleasure to say that there has been a general disposition shown to obey the rules and regulations of the department.

For detailed report of expenses, see Finance Committee's report.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

George D. Wheelock, Chief;
John A. Batchelder, 1st Assistant;
Henry H. Barker. 2d "
W. H. Preckle, 3d "
F. B. Cass, 4th "
W. H. Reyonm. 5th "
C. L. Kingsbury. 6th "

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine, at Woodbury's,	$500 00
Deluge hose carriage, Vernon street.	750 00
Phœnix hose carriage, railroad grounds.	400 00
Neptune hose carriage. " "	750 00
Two jumpers,	200 00
One jumper, Beaver mills,	100 00
One jumper, Symonds' tannery.	100 00
Hook and Ladder carriage, &c.,	500 00
Niagara engine, South Keene,	550 00
Deluge hose house,	800 00
Phœnix hose house,	800 00
Neptune and Hook and Ladder house.	200 00
Fire alarm.	100 00
Hose.	3,000 00
7 engineers' lanterns,	7 00
Six hydrant gates.	45 00

In conclusion, allow me to thank the City Councils for the many favors received; and to my assistants and to the several companies I return my most sincere thanks for the courtesy received and their obedience to all orders and promptness to duty.

GEO. D. WHEELOCK,
Chief Engineer.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor herewith, as required by the city ordinances, to submit my annual report of some of the doings of the Police Department for the municipal year ending Nov. 30, 1882.

Arrested for drunkenness,	214
" stealing,	10
Whole number of arrests,	224

Thirty-six of the above number were brought before the Police Court and paid fines amounting to $263 00

Fifteen were sent to the House of Correction..

From 350 to 400 persons were sent home the worse for liquor.

Number of transient lodgers, 48.

Stolen money returned to owners,	$ 7 51
" goods " "	35 00

Truant children sent to school, 20.

Of those arrested for drunkenness, 178 were discharged when sober, promising to so continue; but I regret to say that many of them did not keep their word.

Received from lodgers,	$37 95

Deposited with City Treasurer, $37.95.

I would say that hardly a day passes in which complaints are not made by persons of drunkenness in their homes or neighborhood, so that it is impossible for them to live in peace; and many a black eye and face pounded almost to a jelly, from the effects of drink, have the police officers witnesssed during the past year.

With twenty-eight drinking places in our city, and a major-

ity of the good people of Keene perfectly willing that somebody besides themselves should do something about its free sale, it is very hard for the police force at times to keep good order.

For expenses of Police department see Financial Report.

With many thanks to His Honor the Mayor and City Councils for their support and valuable counsel and assistance in the performance of my duties, and to the police department for their good feelings and willingness at all times to work together in the performance of any duty they were called upon to perform; the cheerfulness, good judgment and untiring efforts shown by members of the department in the discharge of their official duties, rendering comparatively light and pleasant the many cares resting on the chief officer, and contributing in no small degree to whatever success the department may have secured.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

SAM'L O. GATES, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene :

I herewith submit my report as City Messenger for the year ending Dec. 1, 1882 :

1881.		
Dec.	Robert Spiller,	$ 25 00
"	Clark & Hardy's Minstrels,	25 00
"	Fisk Jubilee Singers,	16 00
"	Chase Brothers,	30 00
"	Keene Fire Department,	22 00
1882.		
Jan.	Boston Museum Co.,	30 00
"	Keene Reform Club,	7 00
"	Dublin Dan Co.,	30 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	25 00
"	Mrs. F. S. Martin,	25 00
Feb.	Irish Land League,	10 00
"	Keene Light Guards,	16 00
"	Dublin Dan Co.,	30 00
Mar.	Barlow, Willson, Primrose & West,	30 00
"	Fifth Avenue Comedy Co.,	20 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	100 00
"	Union School District,	10 00
"	Damage to Table,	1 00
April.	E. M. Slocum,	30 00
"	J. A. French,	16 00
"	Union School District,	10 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	50 00
"	Evangeline Co.,	30 00
"	Universalist Society,	23 50
"	Danites Co.,	25 00
"	Beaver Brook Lodge,	16 00
"	M. A. Bailey,	10 00

May.	Union School District,	$ 5 00
"	Unitarian Society,	20 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	25 00
"	Petts' Keene Minstrels,	20 00
"	Rev. W. H. Eaton,	5 00
"	John Sedgwick Post, No. 4,	5 00
June.	Baird's Minstrels,	25 00
"	Elbridge Clarke,	16 00
"	Keene High School,	10 00
"	Universalist Society,	10 50
July.	Ladies' League,	10 00
"	School District No. 10, six old settees,	9 00
"	Union School District,	10 00
Aug.	A. H. Libby,	16 00
Sept.	T. C. Howard,	30 00
"	Knights Templar,	40 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	75 00
Oct.	Cheshire County Musical Association,	30 00
"	H. S. Thompson,	5 00
"	Republican Club,	24 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	150 00
"	Fred A. Faulkner,	12 00
"	E. S. Washburn,	25 00
Nov.	Republican Club,	12 00
"	Loathard's Humbug,	32 00
"	I. W. Baird's Minstrels,	25 00
"	C. F. Rowell,	25 00
"	James Marsh,	5 00
"	J. A. French,	15 00
"	Howarth, Muldoon's Meanderings,	30 00
"	G. A. Sawin, Muldoon's Picnic,	30 00
	Total,	$1,414 00

Deposited with City Treasurer, $1,414 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN. O. KEITH, *City Messenger.*

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils :

I beg leave to submit the following report of this office for rents, etc., for the year ending Dec. 1, 1882.

Rec'd S. Wadsworth & Co., store rent,		$400 00
" " "	heating,	50 00
" " "	water rents,	7 00
" A. H. Grimes, store rent,		400 00
" " "	heating,	50 00
" " "	water rents,	7 00
" C. W. Wyman, store rent,		350 00
" " "	heating,	25 00
" " "	water rents,	7 00
" Knowlton & Stone, land rent,		20 00
" Daniel Hornberger, billiard table license,		20 00
" J. W. Mansfield, "	"	30 00
" W. H. Butrick, "	"	20 00
" H. S. Couillard, "	"	20 00
" G. H. Kellogg, "	"	10 00
" Barnum London Circus, license,		30 00
" Levi Allen, release on land,		5 00
" Deluge Hose Co., overdrawn on pay roll,		8 75
		$1,459 75

Deposited with Treasurer, $1,459 75

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following Report:

DR.

To bal. of appropriation unexpended Dec. 1, 1881,	$228 02
To appropriation for 1882,	500 00
To received of Librarian for sale of catalogues,	21 00
" " fines,	72 40
Total,	$821 42

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By amount expended for books,	$557 03
" " express,	4 60
" " incidentals,	38 73
By cash paid City Treasurer for catalogues and fines,	93 40
By amount paid for repairing books,	49 19
By unexpended balance Dec. 1, 1882,	78 47
Total,	$821 42

New books purchased the present year,	424
Gifts from different sources,	11
Books lost,	1
Books worn out and discarded,	44
Number of books in the Library Dec. 1, 1882,	4,477
" " issued during the year,	21,450
" cards " "	636
" books covered "	3,413
The largest number of books taken in a month (March) during the year,	2,321
The largest number of books taken in a day (April 8) during the year,	236

The record of books loaned and returned, adopted last year, has proved very efficient as the results show in the statistics.

The higher tone of the class of reading taken from the Library, steadily improving through the year, shows a marked advancement in the taste and culture of our city.

The Book Committee have endeavored to keep pace with the increasing demand for helps to research and investigation upon all subjects engaging the attention of the thinking minds of old and young. And is not this demand one of the most hopeful signs of the times? During the year the students in our higher grades of school have been led to consult standard Historical, Scientific and Classical works, so that less time has been left to them for works of fiction, and a taste has thereby been cultivated for more solid reading. And just here we are warranted in saying that the great utility of the Card Catalogue has been felt and appreciated.

A closet furnished with water, etc., has been added to the conveniences of the library room, supplying a much-needed requisite, to the comfort of all concerned.

Taken as a whole, our city has reason to be proud of this *beginning*, which we trust will result in meeting the wants of its rapid growth and culture in the near future.

CHARLES H. HERSEY,
KATE L. TILDEN,
W. P. CHAMBERLAIN,
M. R. OSBORNE,
D. W. GILBERT,
E. J. C. GILBERT,

Trustees Public Library.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Received for lots sold,	$161 50
Received for sapling pine,	3 80
	$165 30

Amount in Savings Bank, Dec. 15, 1882, $537.15.

ACCOUNT OF SUMNER CARPENTER FUND.

Amount in bank Oct. 1st, 1882,	$42 12
Interest to Oct. 1st, 1882,	1 68
	$43 80

EXPENDITURES.

James Donahue, work on lots and avenues,	$95 25
Alfred Richardson, work,	20 62
Leach, team work,	2 00
Ellis, team work,	4 00
J. T. Armstrong, repairing water pipe,	5 86
E. W. Perkins, work in old cemetery,	5 00
1 hoe and iron rake,	1 15
Deposited in bank,	31 42
	$165 30

HENRY PURCELL, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF
HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

To the Hon. Councils of the City of Keene:

Near the beginning of the year your Health Commissioners were called upon by the State Board of Health to take such action as was rendered prudent by the prevalence of small-pox throughout the country and its appearance in many of the large towns in New England. Such arrangements were made as were deemed adequate to meet any exigency that might arise, without subjecting the city to any previous expense. Fortunately no cases of the disease appeared here. There is no doubt the preventive measures adopted throughout the country prevented a wide and dangerous spread of the pestilence.

In June, at the request of citizens, we made particular examination of premises included between West and Summer streets. We found a most unwholesome condition of things which could not well be obviated without better sewerage facilities. In accordance with the wish of many interested, and with our own convictions, a memorial was presented to the city government that public necessity required that some immediate action be taken to secure adequate drainage, and recommending that a substantial line of main sewer be laid from some point on the Ashuelot river below Winchester street to Central square, with which branches from different streets could be connected as necessity required. The action taken has certainly met all the requirements of the case, and we may hope to reap large advantage from it in a sanitary point of view.

During the latter part of Summer complaints were made by numerous parties concerning the noisome condition of Beaver brook, which examination showed to have good cause. As the nuisance required immediate attention, Lawrence Collins

was employed to clear the filth and obstructions from the channel of the brook at $3.00 per day and board, which, owing to the scarcity of labor at the time, and the unpleasant nature of the work, was the best terms we could obtain. The work was faithfully performed, but the Honorable Councils not deeming it expedient to allow Mr. Collins' bill, amounting to $15.00, he has taken legal action against the city to recover the same.

A large number of matters of minor importance have from time to time been brought to our notice during the year, on which was taken such action as seemed best. The good health of our city has not been interrupted to any great degree, a fact both fortunate and creditable, inasmuch as the average condition of public health will to a great extent correspond with the prevailing habits of wholesome and cleanly living. As one means to increase intelligent interest in this direction our public library should be kept supplied with the best popular works on sanitary science.

We would remind the public through this report that sensible people will not ply health officers with anonymous communications, nor will such persons, while they approve of stringent rules applied to others, show personal offence when attention is called to some shortcoming of their own, or some reasonable requirement made for the safety of their neighbors. We would also respectfully suggest to the City Councils the propriety of placing a small appropriation at the disposal of Health Commissioners to enable them to carry out such measures as may require immediate attention, a proper account of the same to be rendered to the city.

LEONARD WELLINGTON,
JULIUS N. MORSE,
JOHN J. HOLBROOK,
Health Commissioners.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

I have made during the past year 141 visits among the city patients. Several of these cases were of a chronic nature, as my predecessor can testify.

There have been no births. Three have died; two of pulmonary consumption, one of general paralysis and Bright's disease.

There has been no epidemic during the past year, and the number of isolated contagious diseases has been unusually small.

My thanks are due to the City Clerk for his kind assistance in many ways; also to the Overseers of the Poor, for their unvarying courtesy to me and for their prompt response to all needy cases brought under their notice.

Many of these cases have been most generously aided by the different church societies, and by private benevolence.

If, as is expected, the sewer succeeds in remedying the necessity for allowing sink drains, &c., to empty into *uncovered* cess-pools, placed in exposed and conspicuous places, the mortality among children and puerperal women will be much less.

The Board of Health have endeavored to correct such of these evils as I have noticed, but I wish publicly to call attention to the unsanitary condition of affairs in the vicinity of the Fuller school-house.

The question of proper ventilation of school-houses will, I hope, be constantly brought up until the object is attained. Certainly the facilities now present in most of our small school-rooms, for heating the heads and freezing the feet of both teacher and pupils, are wonderful.

Respectfully,

GEORGE H. BRIDGMAN,

City Physician.

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Councils:

I respectfully submit the following report:

Elizabeth E. Jennison vs. Keene. This action is still pending. Since my last report it has been referred. The plaintiff has made a proposition for settlement, which I duly reported to the Mayor and Aldermen. I think this proposition should be accepted or the case tried before the April term of Court.

The Manchester and Keene Railroad Company vs. Keene. The Supreme Court in March ordered judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of $128,951.58, the amount of the gratuity voted by the city, and reserved the question of interest for further argument at the June Term. This delay was ordered by the Court against the desire of counsel for both parties, and made necessary a still further delay to the August adjourned term. The defendant's counsel therefore moved for a new hearing on the main question in connection with the argument on the matter of interest. This motion was granted and a new hearing was had in June before the full Court. The result is that Oct. 9th the Court ordered judgment for the plaintiff for the principal, interest from Dec. 5, 1878, and costs of Court. Execution has been issued for $160,588.30. The counsel for the plaintiff has agreed to withhold the execution from the officer a reasonable time on my representation that the city was taking measures which would probably result in payment during the present year. The Court has since ordered the County of Hillsborough to pay Keene $300 towards the referees' fees. This will reduce the loss to the city by that amount.

The five cases against Messrs Dawe & Bonallie in which the city is summoned as trustee on account of said gratuity, are still pending.

Joseph G. Warren vs. Keene. This action was entered at

the April term of Court. The plaintiff asks compensation for damages to his property occasioned by the alleged wrongful use by the city of a drain or brook running under his buildings on Washington street. Referred to Hon. George A. Bingham.

Parker C. Butler et al. vs. Keene. This is an appeal from the assessment by the Mayor and Aldermen of damages to plaintiff's land occasioned by the laying out of Pitcher street. The appeal has been referred to the County Commissioners.

Lawrence Collins vs. Keene. This is an action to recover $15 for work done on Beaver brook by order of the Board of Health. The only question in the case is the amount to which the plaintiff is justly entitled. It seems to me that a satisfactory settlement could be made if the Board of Health, a committee of the Aldermen, and the plaintiff, would talk the matter over together. There is some misunderstanding about this claim which, I believe, could be fully explained by some such course as I propose. The city should be made no more expense in this matter. The claim should be speedily adjusted.

State vs. Keene. Indictment for alleged defects in that portion of the Old Sullivan road between the Concord Brook road and the Sullivan town line.

The above include all the cases in which the city has been sued. There are several claims for damages to person and property by reason of alleged defective highways, in which no actions have been commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ABBOTT, *Solicitor.*

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following Report:

The number of civil actions entered before said Justice the past year is seventeen.

The number of arraignments, eighty-seven, to-wit:

Concealing disinterred corpse,	1
Arson,	1
Keeping open saloon unlawfully,	1
Being a stubborn child,	1
To find sureties of the peace,	1
Cruelty to animals,	1
Bribery,	1
Robbery,	2
Fast driving,	2
Keeping disorderly house,	2
Assaulting and obstructing officers,	4
Being common drunkards,	5
Violating liquor law,	6
Larceny,	6
Making brawls and tumults,	7
Assaults,	9
Drunkenness,	37

These cases were disposed of as follows:—

Persons sentenced to pay fines conditionally,	19
" " " unconditionally,	31
Sentenced to House of Correction,	14
Held to answer at Supreme Court,	7
Held to furnish sureties of the peace,	1
Discharged on trial,	4
Not prosecuted to judgment,	11

Of those ordered to pay fines, two appealed to the Supreme Court, forty-one paid their fines, five were committed to the House of Correction on alternative sentences, and one to jail for non-payment. One case not reported.

Amount of fines imposed,				$401 00
"	"	received,		348 00
"	"	received for use of the city,		308 00
"	"	"	" Humane Society,	15 00
"	"	"	" complainant, ($\frac{1}{2}$)	25 00

In two of the foregoing cases the respondents were minors, and sent to the Industrial School.

E. FARRAR, *Justice.*

Keene, Dec. 1, 1882.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene :

The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 1, 1882.

The number of persons receiving aid is about the same as last year, so the amount expended will correspond favorably with last year.

Our pauper account is very much larger than it otherwise would be but for the free use of intoxicating drinks.

The Overseers of the Poor would earnestly recommend to the Honorable City Councils that our coming legislature may be petitioned for an amendment to our City Charter, so as to abolish our ward Overseers and leave the appointing of one person to that office to the appointing power.

For a detailed account of the charities bestowed by us, we refer you to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL O. GATES,
G. KINGSBURY,
S. WHITE,
P. HOWLAND,
Overseers of the Poor.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1881.

Amount given to Collector on book,		$70,601 40
Error in that amount,		4,048 54
Amount on book,		$66,552 86
Additions,		517 52
Interest collected,		79 21
Total amount,		$67,149 59
Amount deposited with Treasurer, Dec. 16, 1881,	$54,800 00	
Abatements to date, Dec. 16, 1881,	521 53	
Abatements on 1879 taxes,	24 46	
Abatements since to date Dec. 15, 1882,	368 64	
Deposited with Treasurer since Dec. 16, 1881,	$11,434 96	
		$67,149 59

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L O. GATES, *Collector.*

REPORT FOR 1882.

Amount called for as per warrant,		$67,430 85
Deposited with Treasurer to date, Dec. 18, 1882,	$56,200 00	
Abatements to date, Dec. 15, 1882,	376 26	
		$56,576 26
Balance uncollected,		$10,854 59

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L O. GATES, *Collector.*

Keene, Dec. 18, 1882.

SEWERAGE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Special Committee on Sewers to whom was referred the matter of the new sewers, would report that they made a contract with "The Drainage Construction Company" of Boston, to construct the system of sewerage adopted by the City Councils for the sum of eighty-two thousand dollars. The length of sewers and the streets through which they pass are shown by plans deposited in the City Clerk's office. Mr. L. M. Muzzey of Boston, a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the business, was selected as Superintendent and Engineer, and to his report, which is herewith transmitted, we would refer for information as to the progress of the work.

In consequence of difficulty in obtaining laborers not as much has been accomplished thus far as was hoped. The contract calls for the completion of the whole work by the first of July, 1883, and unless some unforeseen obstacles are met with we have no doubt but that it will be completed within the time specified.

We would also submit an ordinance regulating the manner of making of connection of house drains with the common sewer, to which we would respectfully call the attention of the City Councils. Some such regulations are absolutely necessary for the successful working of any system of sewerage. This ordinance has been drawn up at our request by Messrs. Adams & Muzzey, civil engineers of Boston, and is in substance the regulations in force in other places where a general system of sewerage has been adopted.

With the completion of this system of sewerage will be

accomplished what every thinking man knew would be required when a general water supply was contemplated.

GEO. B. TWITCHELL,
CHAS. BRIDGMAN,
EDWIN M. BULLARD.
Special Com. on Sewerage.

Keene. Dec. 1, 1882.

AN ORDINANCE to Regulate the House-Drainage and the Connections with the Public Sewers.

Be it ordained by the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Keene, in City Council assembled:

SECT. 1. That a Board of Health be chosen by the City Council, to consist of three medical men, one member of the Council, and a sanitary engineer, who shall be the Superintendent of Sewers. This Board shall have charge of all matters relating to the public health of the city.

SECT. 2. The Superintendent of Sewers shall have supervision of the construction and the repairs of all sewers and house drains, and shall keep a description, with plans, of the sewers and connections, and an account of all expenses in his department.

SECT. 3. When the Board of Health shall deem any privy, cesspool or house drain to be a nuisance or a danger to the health of the inmates of the house or of others, they shall require the house to be drained and a connection with the public sewers to be made in accordance with the rules and regulations of this ordinance; and in case of neglect to do this within two weeks' time from the receipt of the requisition of the Board, they may make such drains and connection at the owner's expense.

SECT. 4. The following regulations shall govern the planning of all house drainage and house connections with sewers:

1. For each building there shall be a separate connection with the public sewer of four-inch salt-glazed vitrified pipe, which may extend from the sewer to within five feet of the house; and from thence the house drain shall be four-inch

plain or enameled heavy cast iron pipe or asphalt-coated wrought iron pipe, and shall extend upward as a soil-pipe above the highest part of the roof.

2. If the house drain runs under or through the house, a running trap and air inlet should be provided between the house and street, with a special ventilating pipe, four inches in diameter, of cast iron, on the sewer side of running trap, extending above the highest part of the roof.

3. Every fixture shall be effectually trapped, and every trap ventilated into a ventilating pipe not less than two inches in diameter and with joints air tight, which shall connect with the soil pipe or the open air above the highest trap. Every sink drain pipe shall have a good grease trap.

4. No privy vault nor cesspool shall be connected with the house drain or sewer. When water closets take their place, they shall be thoroughly cleaned out and filled with fresh dry earth.

5. No subsoil drain shall be connected with house drain except at fresh air inlet, with provision for preventing the entrance of rats as well as sewer gas. Drip or safe pipes and rain-water conductors should not be connected with the house drain, but empty into the open air.

6. Every water closet shall be of the hopper form (no pan closets allowed), adequately flushed with water from a cistern above it. Each water closet apartment shall have a direct means of ventilation into the open air.

7. The arrangement of soil and waste pipes shall be as direct as possible, and the drain, soil and waste pipes and the traps shall be left so that they may at all times be readily examined and repaired.

Sect. 5. All drain-laying repairs or connections shall be done according to the following rules, and if any drain be constructed or repaired, or any excavation made for that purpose, without a permit in writing from the Superintendent of Sewers, or in a mode different from that prescribed herein, the person doing such work and the owner or agent directing the same, shall respectively be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

RULES FOR DRAIN-LAYING.

1. Before any connection with the public sewer is made, or any house drainage put in, or any repairs on them, a permit must first be obtained and the plan proposed approved by the Board of Health. Permits, when not used, must be returned to the office of the Superintendent of Sewers.

2. No pipes or other materials for the drains can be used till they have been examined and approved by a duly authorized Inspector (appointed by the Superintendent of Sewers.) All the work must be inspected by him and done to his satisfaction.

3. At the time the permit is given to put in or repair the house-drainage, or the connection with the sewer, the applicant must fix the time for the Inspector to call. If, at the time appointed, the work to be inspected is not (in the judgment of the Inspector) likely to be ready within a reasonable time, the Inspector will not be obliged to wait, and the applicant must then make a new appointment at the office of the Superintendent of Sewers.

4. In opening any street or public way, all materials must be placed where they will cause the least practicable inconvenience to the public, and the whole enclosed with sufficient barriers and properly lighted at night from the beginning to the end of the work.

5. As little as possible of the trench must be dug until the "Y" branch in the sewer is found. Whenever the sides of the trenches will not stand perpendicular, sheeting and braces must be used to prevent caving.

6. The least inclination that can be allowed for house-drains is 1 in 60. When any change of direction is made in a pipe, either in a horizontal or vertical direction, curves must be used. No angles, by clipping pipes or otherwise, are allowed.

7. In the "house connection," every joint shall be laid with gasket and cement, and bedded in hydraulic concrete at least four inches in depth. The house-drain, soil pipe and "special pipe" must be caulked with lead so as to be both water and air tight. Only wiped joints are allowed on lead

pipes, and when a lead pipe is connected with an iron pipe, a brass thimble with caulked lead joints must be used.

8. The ends of all pipes not to be immediately connected are to be securely closed water-tight with imperishable materials. The inside of every drain, after it is laid, must be left smooth and clean throughout its entire length, and true in line and grade.

9. The back-filling over drains, after they are laid, must be puddled or rammed, all water and gas pipes protected from injury or settling, and the surface of the street made good, within forty-eight hours after the completion of that part of the drain lying within the public way, and—

SECT. 6. In case of neglect or refusal to remove, reconstruct, repair, alter or cleanse, any privy, cesspool, house drain, or house connection with the sewer, for one week after the order of the Board of Health, they shall cause the same to be removed, reconstructed, repaired, altered or cleansed at the expense of the owner, agent, occupant, or other person, as the case may be, and he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

AN ORDINANCE to Regulate Sewer Assessments.

Be it ordained by the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Keene in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. Every land owner whose property may be benefited by the building of any public sewer, shall be assessed in proportion to the area of land so benefited, which benefit shall be considered to extend from the street line to a line 120 feet distant therefrom.

SECT. 2. Three-fourths of the cost of the public lateral sewers (six inches in diameter), and so much of the cost of the main sewers as shall be equal to the expense of constructing six-inch sewers of similar length along the same lines, including in both cases the cost of connections from the sewer to the sidewalk line,—shall be thus assessed. One-fourth of the above cost and the excess of the cost of the main sewers shall be borne by the city.

SECT. 3. A map, or maps, showing the areas benefited by each main or lateral sewer, shall be kept at the office of the Superintendent of Sewers, and all assessments shall be made in accordance therewith.

REPORT OF SUPT. AND ENGINEER.

To the Sewerage Committee of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith present a summary of the Sewerage Construction in Keene up to Dec. 1, 1882. Work was commenced by the Contractors Sept. 29, on the 6-inch main in Court street, near Prospect. The work has been carried on with vigor to the present time and has all been subject to thorough inspection and performed in careful accordance with the plans and specifications.

Sewers have been constructed in the following streets to the extent indicated on the Sewerage plan, namely: Court street, Washington street, High street, Elm street, Carroll street, Howard street, Coolidge street, Cross street, Green street, Union street, Pleasant street (one-half its length), Mechanic street (from Elm to Court), Vernon street, School street, Middle street, Winter street, West street, Davis street, Ralston street, Butler's court, Main street (on West side), Beaver, Spring and Roxbury streets, West of Beaver brook, the Beaver brook main from its outlet into the Ashuelot river, twelve hundred feet to where it crosses Main street. A through line to the Butler's court outlet from the Court House is now completed, and the connection which will be made in a few days on Mechanic street with the Elm street main, will then furnish an outlet to the district lying between Elm and Court streets. Washington street with its laterals has also a complete outlet through the same central district main.

No house connections have as yet been made with the sewer owing to the grounds freezing too severely before the through line was completed. A good flow of water from the central main may be observed at the Butler's court outlet.

Number of feet 6 inch pipe laid,	19,706
" " 8 " "	333
" " 10 " "	765
" " 12 " "	3,004
" " 15 " "	2,832
Total,	26,640
	or, 5 miles, 240 feet.

Of sewer pipe delivered and accepted, the following is a correct statement:

6 inch pipe delivered and accepted,	50,964	feet.
8 " " " "	2,034	"
10 " " " "	1,041	"
12 " " " "	2,838	"
15 " " " "	7,926	"
Total number of feet,	64.803	

All of the pipe in the yard is well piled together on dry ground, and is in good condition to remain over Winter.

Two outlets have been completed; one in Butler's court, the other a half mile below on the Ashuelot river, both being built with solid granite walls resting on concrete foundations. and thoroughly constructed to resist any action of the river on them.

Flush tanks have been built on Washington, School, Winter, Middle, Taylor, Roxbury and Main streets, the first four being now in operation and discharging their contents automatically, in a completely satisfactory manner.

Work on the sewer is now mostly confined to the 15-inch main in the Beaver brook district, the small amount of water in the ground rendering it strongly advisable to complete so much of this line as possible before Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. MUZZEY, C. E.,

Superintendent City Sewerage.